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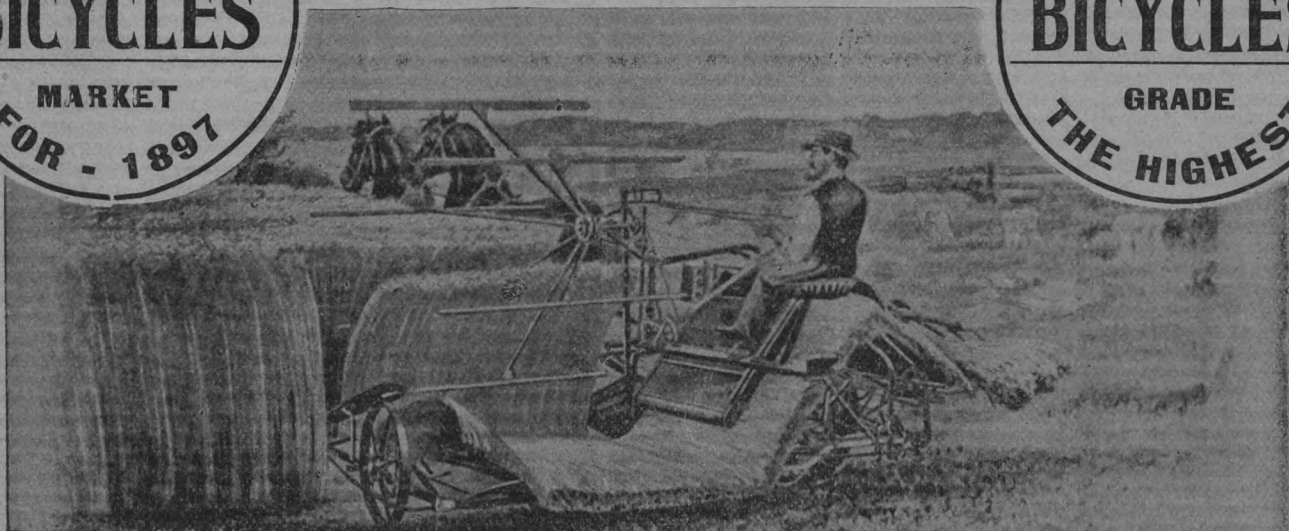
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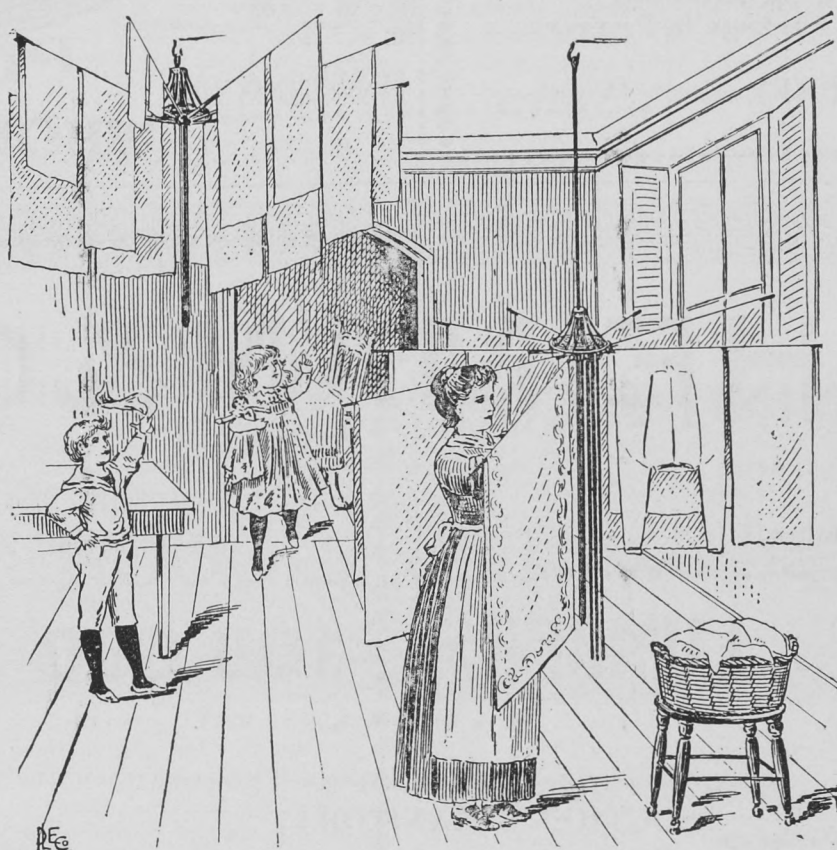
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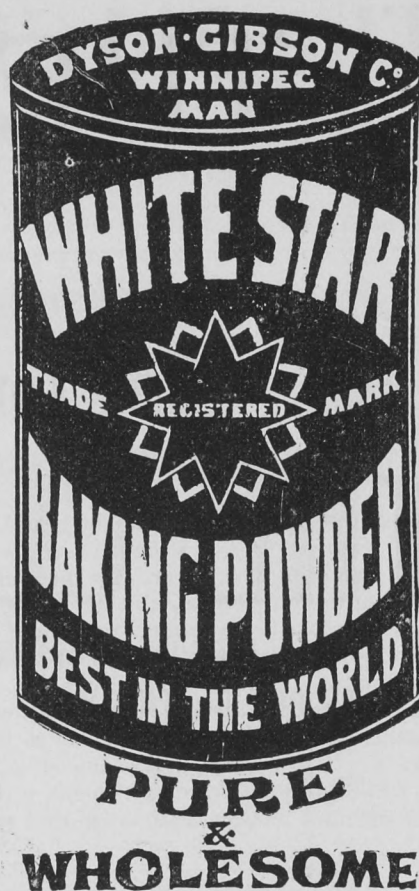
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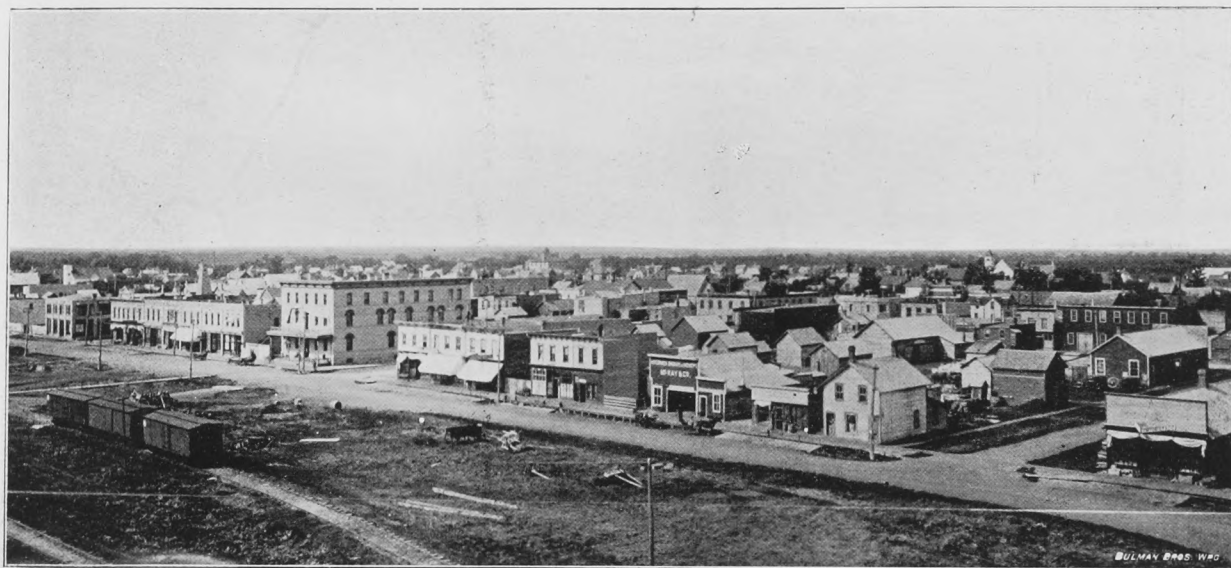
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The Town and District of Morden.

IN this favored year of 1897, looking over the thickly settled plains that lie between the Pembina Mountains and the Red River, with the wide-stretching stubbles, reaching to the horizon, thickly dotted over with compact wheat stacks, with every here and there cosy homesteads and their comfortable frame houses and substantial, roomy barns, with the busy thresher on every hand, and finally with the many villages and the large important town of Morden, linked together by the bright steel lines of a busy railroad—in this year of 1897, we repeat, looking at all these evidences of advanced prosperity and settlement, it is very hard to realise that the first pioneer settlers of this whole fertile plain of

as has actually taken place. Mr. J. F. Galbraith, the talented editor of the Morden Chronicle, was one of these early pioneers, and in a particularly bright little book, entitled "A Sketch of Both Sides of Manitoba," written by him, in 1879, this is how he describes the first years of the rapid settlement of this beautiful Pembina Mountain country :

"In '75 the few settlers at Pembina Mountain fondly hoped that in the course of fifteen or twenty years this plain would become settled, notwithstanding the absence of timber. Before the summer was over a long line of camp fires, extending for miles and miles, announced to the lonely settlers that six thousand Mennonites had located on seventeen townships



VIEW OF MORDEN FROM THE C. P. RY.

many hundreds of square miles reached this neighborhood as recently as the year 1874. The hundreds of square miles of virgin prairie that have been converted into wheat fields, the homesteads, the towns, villages and railways, all have been the work of twenty-three years, performed by immigrants who at that time were thousands of miles away, and had probably never even heard the name of Manitoba. Just about twenty-three years ago the first human dwelling, in the shape of a little log cabin, was erected in this now populous district by Mr. Geo. Cullen, who took up a claim in Township 4, Range 6. This humble beginning was soon followed by the work of other new settlers, but, still, even they, in their fondest dreams, never pictured to themselves such rapidity of progress

It is 1879 now, and farms on that plain are as hard to get, and are as valuable, as our much vaunted timber claims along the mountain, and west 100 miles to Turtle Mountain rolls the tide of immigration."

It is to be noted that all the very early pioneers chose their locations under the shadow of the mountain for the sake of the timber that grows there so plentifully, and they looked upon the bare plains to the eastward as comparatively undesirable because of the absence of wood. But, as the writer quoted above has observed more recently : "Experience has since taught that the prairie farm, where the plough starts in at one corner and turns half-mile furrows till the work is finished at the other corner, is the most profitable in the long run."

Among the early pioneers of this district were many men whose names have since become familiar throughout the province in various connections. Here are some of the most notable: William Stevenson, H. Dundas, Robt. Kilgour, the Duncans, all well-known and highly respected now, and one of whom, Thomas, has represented the district in the Legislature for several years, A. P. Stevenson, now widely known as the most successful grower of fruit in the province, of whose beautiful property several views will be found in these pages, David Buiks, who died a few years ago leaving a valuable property to his heirs, Geo. and John Leary, R. Forster, Jos. Rinn, and last but not least, Alvey Morden, who bears the proud distinction of having been the founder of the important town that is now, and promises long to remain, the largest in Southern Manitoba. For some years after the arrival of the Mennonites the growth of settlement was comparatively slow, but in 1878 there was a considerable influx of new settlers. Mr. Adam Nelson arrived that year, and soon became the central figure in a stirring incorporated town bearing his name, which until it was left in the lurch by the Pembina Mountain branch of the C.P.R.,

ford, which had been started at short distances, followed the example of Nelson, and thus Morden sprang quickly into prominence, and from this splendid beginning has never had a single interruption in its career of progress, excepting from the cause that has afflicted so many pioneer towns on account of the inflammable nature of their buildings—fire. Three times it has been visited severely by this destroyer, whose function seems to be, nevertheless, equally that of a renovator, for it has been the history of nearly every pioneer town that the flimsy wooden buildings of their early days have to be destroyed in this way before the town assumes a permanent and substantial character. In Morden, as in other towns, each time its original wood buildings were destroyed by fire, they were quickly replaced by large, solid brick and stone blocks. Consequently, the year of the last serious fire, 1895, was distinguished as having been the year of greatest activity in building operations in the town's experience, \$85,000 having been expended on building in one form and another.

Morden was more reluctant than the average Manitoba town to incur the responsibilities of incorporation, and it was satisfied to drift along with the agreeable consciousness of



PART OF STEPHEN STREET, MORDEN.

which was located at a distance of some six miles to the south, instead of running through it as anticipated, promised to be the market town of the district. 1880 and '81 were lively years, and considerably added to the settlement, but it was the year 1883, which saw the construction of the Pembina Mountain branch, that marked the final establishment of the district upon a thoroughly permanent and satisfactory basis. Just where the line crossed Dead Horse Creek was the beautiful farm belonging to the Morden family. Mr. Alvey Morden, since deceased, who is described as having been an astute business man, quickly perceived the advantages of the locality as the natural commercial centre for the vast fertile district, and made terms with the railway company for the conversion of the family lands into a townsite. The new town was naturally named after the owners of the land, and thus will the renown of the Morden family remain green in the memory of the inhabitants of Southern Manitoba forever.

The townsite was quickly platted, and the old town of Nelson, which up to that time had promised to become the centre of the district, was moved down bodily—houses, stores and their owners—and formed the nucleus around which has so rapidly sprung up the present important incorporated town of Morden. Two other towns, Mountain City and Darling-

being out of debt until it was the fourth town in respect to size and population in the Province. At length, in 1895, the necessity for incorporation could no longer be resisted, and in that year a charter was issued incorporating the "Village of Morden." Mr. H. P. Hansen, who bore the distinction of having been the first merchant to open at Morden, very fitly became its first mayor, and the members of the first council were also all men who had been associated with the rise and progress of Morden since its first days. This year the mayor is J. H. Ruddell, and the members of the council are: Seymour Coppinger, D. Kilgour, W. Garrett and Jno. Rowe. Mr. C. McCorquodale is secretary-treasurer. The population of the town is now over 1500, and the total assessment is \$350,000, with \$20,000 in exemptions.

The situation of Morden as the natural trading point for a very large and specially fruitful district has been the cause of its rapid growth, but this situation, just at the foot of the slopes of the Pembina hills, has had the further advantage of making it one of the pleasantest towns in Manitoba to live in. With the hills and the woods to the west and north it is sheltered in winter from the coldest winds, and this nearness to natural woods is perhaps the reason that planted trees appear to flourish in Morden better than almost anywhere else

in the province. The consequence is that it is now one of the prettiest towns in the West, with every street fast growing up into avenues of fine shade trees. The residential part of the town is particularly pleasant in this respect, as will be seen from the few examples of those houses of Morden's citizens of which we were able to secure views for reproduction.

From a business point of view Morden's situation in the centre of the largest contiguous wheat producing area in the province has naturally made wheat growing the greatest industry of the district, and the source from which the town draws the bulk of its trade. The storage capacity of the town, counting only the elevators on the railway, aggregates 210,000 bushels, and in average seasons Morden will ship about a million bushels of all grains. Besides the elevators there are two flax warehouses, one belonging to Body & Noakes, and the other to P. Livingstone. At the west end of the town there is a 75 barrel flour mill, owned by J. H. Fraser, which is equipped with modern machinery and turns out an excellent quality of flour.

niture and surgical instruments was also subscribed by Masons, and when the institution opened it was completely equipped with sixteen beds in the public wards, and four in private wards. The building is fitted throughout with electric lights, speaking tubes and all modern improvements. There is a staff of trained nurses and a matron; the doctors of the town attend the patients regularly; and altogether the residents of Southern Manitoba may congratulate themselves on having at their command so complete and efficiently managed an institution.

Another public building of importance to the district is the solid, fire-proof, stone structure that contains the records of the Land Titles office.

There are places of worship for all the leading denominations, including a Salvation Army barracks and a synagogue. The resident ministers are: Church of England, Rev. Chas. O'Meara; Methodist, Rev. Jno. Laycock; Presbyterian, Rev. M. C. Rumball; First Baptist, Rev. J. W. Leech, and German, Rev. Geo. Bergdoff.



VIEW OF PART OF 8TH STREET, MORDEN.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Of public buildings the most notable are the school building and the hospital, views of both of which will be found among our illustrations. The school is a fine stone building, containing six large class-rooms and a basement, and is surrounded by three acres of grounds, neatly enclosed as playgrounds for the children. The staff is composed of six teachers. Although this building was erected only three years ago it is already over crowded and the addition of a wing is in contemplation. This present building as it stands cost \$12,000.

The story of Morden hospital is well known to every Free Mason in Manitoba, as it was entirely due to the efforts of that order that it was ever erected. The enterprise was originated by the members of Belmont Lodge, No. 13, A.F. & A.M., in Morden, the prime mover in the matter having been Judge Corbet Locke, to whose zeal, supported by Dr. McConnell and other members of the lodge, the successful result was mainly due. The hospital was opened in March 1893, having been erected at a cost of \$10,500, raised among the Free Masons in Morden, assisted by the different lodges in other parts of the province. An additional sum of \$2,500 for fur-

The secret Societies are all represented as follows: A.F. & A.M., Belmont Lodge, 13; W. M., A. M., Stewart; Secretary, A. A. Hobkirk. Zeradatha Chapter, No. 111; Z. D. Kilgour; Scribe, H. Meikle. I.O.O.F., Nelson Lodge, No. 9; N. G., Robt. Tickling; Secretary, Geo. Sellers. Encampment Excelsior, No. 4; C. P. Wm. Anderson; Scribe, D. Kilgour. A.O.U.W., No. 18, Recorder; W. H. Spencer. I.O.F.; C. R., Geo. Sellers; V.C.R., J. H. Dunsford; F. S. W. H. Snowden; Treasurer, A. J. Nelson. Sons of Scotland; Chief H. Meikle; Secretary, S. M. Buttram.

The chief place of public amusement or Assembly is Dufferin Hall, owned by T. H. Smith, with a seating capacity of 600, a good stage, 20 x 30 feet, a good dressing room and a large stock of scenery. The building is lighted by electricity, and comfortably meets the requirements of the town.

About the largest private building in the town, as well as the most modern in its fittings and construction, is the solid brick block occupied as a hotel by Mr. J. Kennedy, and known to every traveller in the province, by the name of the Hotel Manitoba, as one of the most comfortable houses to stop at in Western Canada. This substantial building is 95 x 50 feet in size, with three stories of solid brick and a

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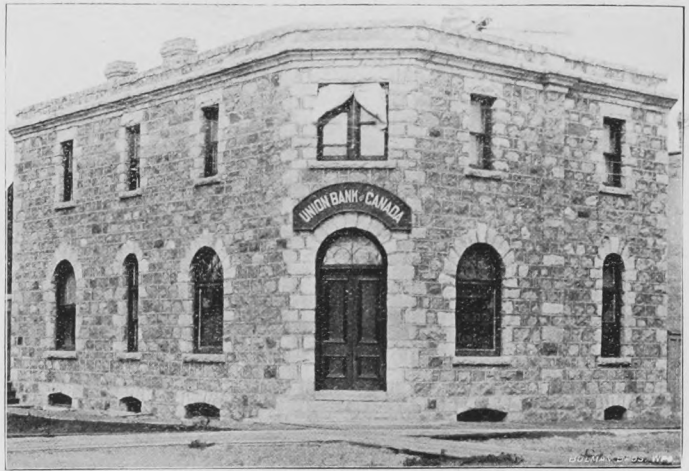
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MORDEN, MAN.

stone basement. It is heated throughout by hot air, fitted with electric lights and bells, hot and cold water, and in all its appointments is equal to any house in Western Canada. The building alone cost \$15,000, and it was furnished in the very best style at a cost of over \$4,000. The house contains 32 bed-rooms, two large sample rooms, a dining hall capable of seating 150 people, besides large private and public parlors, and other apartments. Mr. Kennedy, the proprietor, is also a large dealer in horses. He imports good stock, both light and heavy, from Ontario and other points, and he is well-known throughout the province as a careful and thoroughly reliable dealer.

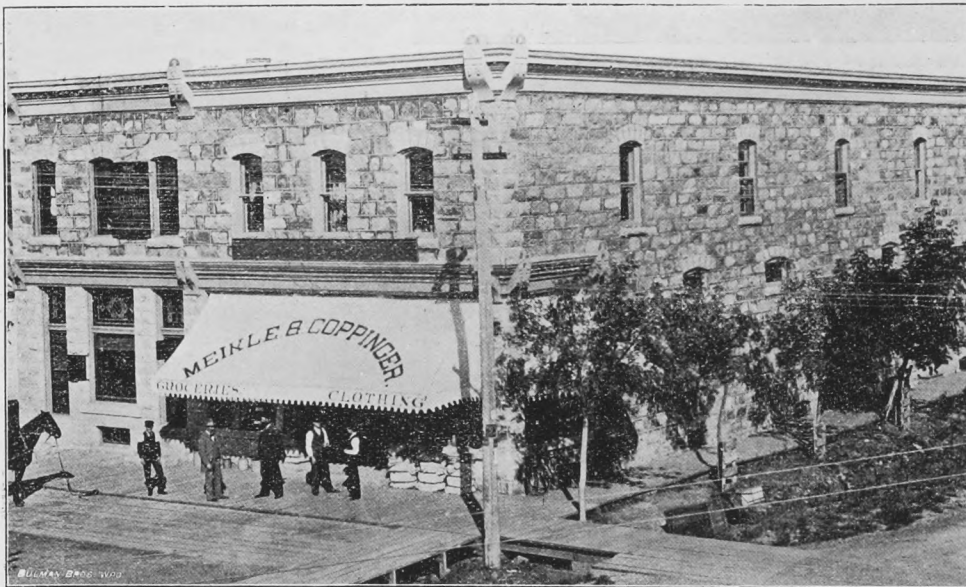
INDUSTRIES.

It will have been observed that mention has been made several times of electric lights. This service is obtained from the Electric Light Works, now belonging to Mr. A. M. Stewart, and recently very extensively improved. The plant was originally installed in 1892 by Simpson & Davis; and Mr. Stewart, after purchasing it last year, added a new 65 h. p. boiler and a 1000-light National Dynamo with marble switch board. These additions brought the boiler capacity to 130 horse power, with a hundred horse power engine. New



UNION BANK BLOCK, MORDEN.

it will not be out of place to quote the expressed opinion of the manager, that if the rate for carrying the coal from Estevan to Morden could be reduced, there is no doubt that it



MEIKLE & COPPINGER BLOCK, MORDEN.

foundations were put in, and the plant is now one of the most complete in the province. It is worthy of note that at these works they use Estevan coal exclusively, and, in passing,



HOTEL MANITOBA, MORDEN.

would be the principal fuel used in this district. He remarks that at present the coal can be bought at the mines for \$1.50 a ton, but that the freight rate of \$ 2.25, making it \$3.75 on track at Morden, makes the coal too expensive for general use. A comparatively small reduction in the freight rate would place this coal in a position to compete successfully with wood, or any other fuel, and would bring it into such general use that a really important industry in the Souris coalfields would be established on something like the scale that was hoped for when first the railway thither was built. The Electric Light Works already possess, as has been said, an extensive and valuable plant, but it is intended to increase this as the requirements may demand. It is hoped in the near future to supply power for manufacturing purposes, as there are several kinds of manufacture that might be profitably pursued in Morden. For instance, the district produces every year a large quantity of flax, and it is more than probable that this is destined to form the basis, sooner or later, of an extensive industry in Morden. At any rate, just as soon as anyone has the enterprise to establish any manufacturing concern in Morden, the important matter of power will be found to be already satisfactorily arranged.



FREEMASONS' HOSPITAL, MORDEN.

It is not to be understood from these remarks that no industries of any kind have as yet been established in Morden, for, on the contrary, already there exists one or two very promising concerns. There is, for instance, the woolen mills, an enterprise that was first started five years ago by Mr. Wm. Crosby, and was subsequently bought up by the present proprietor, Dr. McConnell, the enterprising medical practitioner, than whom no Morden man is more widely known and generally esteemed. Dr. McConnell has remodelled the plant, and made the establishment a first-class, thoroughly equipped mill with every facility for the manufacture on a large scale of yarns, tweeds, flannel, horse and bed blankets, coolers, sheetings, and kindred articles. The yarn has already



C. D. T. BECHER'S RESIDENCE, MORDEN.

established a reputation for itself as Morden yarn, and commands a ready sale; while blankets are specially manufactured for the Manitoba trade, and are known far and wide by the trade mark "Manitoba." It is, indeed,

an unavoidable characteristic of Manitoba woolen manufactures, and one that the consumer gets the benefit of without having proportionately to pay for it, that it is cheaper to use pure wool than to mix it, as is done in all Eastern factories, with more or less cotton or other inferior material. Thus, the Manitoba goods being made entirely of pure wool are comparatively indestructible. The inexperienced are sometimes prejudiced against these Manitoba goods because they are harder than the Eastern goods in texture, but if they call to mind that this hardness is the result of their being all wool and no shoddy they would, as they should, look upon it as a special merit, for it indicates wearing qualities that outlast the softer Eastern fabrics so much that when these latter are already worn out the Manitoba goods would be still as good as new.

Some fourteen hands are employed at the mill under the management of Mr. B. N. Fraser, and an experienced foreman from Pennsylvania. Wool is bought from all parts of the country, and is always in demand at the factory at good prices. This year, ten cents is being paid for unwashed wool, and fifteen cents for washed.

The machinery is driven by a 24 h. p. engine, a plentiful supply of water being obtained from



PUBLIC SCHOOL, MORDEN.

Cheval Creek, which is close at hand. The building is 60 x 120 feet in size, and two storeys in height. The machinery is by the best makers, such as the Knowles looms, Karch's Twister, and Hunt's gig, etc.

Three looms are kept going the whole season, and the machinery, which is for what is known as a one set mill, is running all the time at its full capacity. At the present time the mill consumes upwards of 40,000 lbs. of wool annually, and, as before stated, the factory is ready to purchase all the wool that can be offered by Manitoba.

The white, grey, and black common yarn that is turned out by the mill is retailed at 50 cents, while 60 cents is readily paid for them in grain or colored yarns. Blankets are sold by weight. They are made usually to weigh from 6 to 10 pounds a pair, which means an average actual price of \$5.00 a pair for 8 lb blankets. Sheetings are made in all wool and union quality, single and double folds. Tweeds are made in a great variety of patterns and of extremely fine texture.

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The mill turns out other woollen goods specially adapted to the Manitoba trade, notably an article of popular use known as threshers' blankets, which find a ready sale. The goods from this mill were awarded a diploma at the last Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, and the enterprising proprietor of this entirely home industry, deserves the good will and support of

Wherever the products of Mr. Cowie's factory were exhibited at local fairs, last year, they were awarded diplomas, and they are specially adapted for use in this climate.

The Morden Engine and Machine Works has begun a new industry which is certain to prove of great value, especially to the residents of outlying districts throughout Western Canada. This is the manufacture of the Wallace Acetylene Gas Apparatus. This ingenious little machine manufactures



VAN BUREN'S LIVERY STABLE, MORDEN.

from calcium carbide a gas which burns with a pure white light and resembles the sun more than any other illuminant. Photometer tests have shown that acetylene has $12\frac{1}{2}$ times the illuminating power of ordinary gas, and as by means of these machines it can be produced with absolute safety by anyone, and at a less cost than gas, oil or any other illuminant, it will doubtless be a great boon to residents of the province where these things are comparatively so dear. Mr. Wm. Garrett, the proprietor of the Morden Engine and

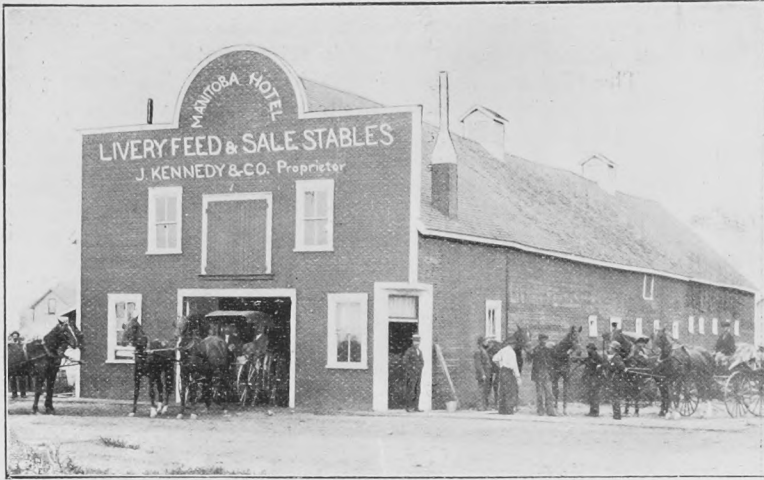


SHADE TREES IN MORDEN, PART OF 9TH STREET.

every one in Manitoba, and doubtless as these goods become better known, from their own intrinsic merit, if from nothing else, they will obtain it.

Another local industry of importance is the pump factory of Mr. J. A. Cowie, where force and suction pumps in iron and wood are manufactured and shipped all over the province.

Machine Works, having made arrangements with the patentee for the sole right to manufacture them in Manitoba, began making these gas machines this summer, and he is now busy installing several plants in the district. They can already be seen in operation at several places in and near Morden, and also at the Starkey House in Carman. For isolated buildings,



J. KENNEDY & CO.'S LIVERY STABLE, MORDEN.

in particular, where there are no electric, gas or other illuminating facilities, this light will be found invaluable. Perceiving the scope offered for these machines in a country like Manitoba, Mr. Garrett has organized a company, for their manufacture on a large scale, to be known as The Morden Acetylene Gas Apparatus Co. They will manufacture machines that will supply gas for from 4 to 500 lights, and will be able to place these machines at from \$30 each upwards, according to the number of lights.

the future growth of our prairie towns of industrial interests. Indeed, there is no reason why Morden should not add largely to its possessions in this respect. It has many resources that might be turned to account in this direction—plenty of cheap fuel, good water, railway facilities, and a thickly settled and exceptionally prosperous district tributary to it, which, forms the best of markets right at its doors. Like many of our larger prairie towns it is already, as has been seen, establishing local industries, and there is no doubt that the time is fast approaching when Morden, as well as some of the other more important of our centres of trade, will manufacture for themselves, and to some extent for a much larger clientele, a great many of the articles of ordinary domestic and industrial use that are now imported at much unnecessary cost from long distances. When this happens not only will our industrial classes have a source of steady employment, but also the bulk of the money which is earned by our farmers, who are as yet practically the only producers of the country, will remain with us instead of going to the East, the South or the West, or, indeed, in any other direction but into the pockets of our fellow countrymen—which, without any doubt, is where we all want it to be.



RESIDENCE OF ALAN M. STEWART, 10TH STREET, MORDEN.

Another Morden industry is a tannery, which was started two years ago by Mr. Alex. Magel. All sorts of hides and tanned robes are manufactured, and there is a large business done in buying hides, and tanning them for farmers.

It would be easy, if we had the space, to add several manufacturing concerns, of more or less importance, which are gradually growing up in Morden, and are adding to its importance as a wheat market the equally important element in

The Lake of the Woods have made this month a large shipment of Manitoba wheat, besides flour, to Australia. They report that their shipments to the old country are increasing, and this year from present indications they expect them to be very large. The reputation of the Lake of the Woods flour is already world wide, and it is a matter for congratulation to Manitoba that wherever it goes it advertises the good name of this province.

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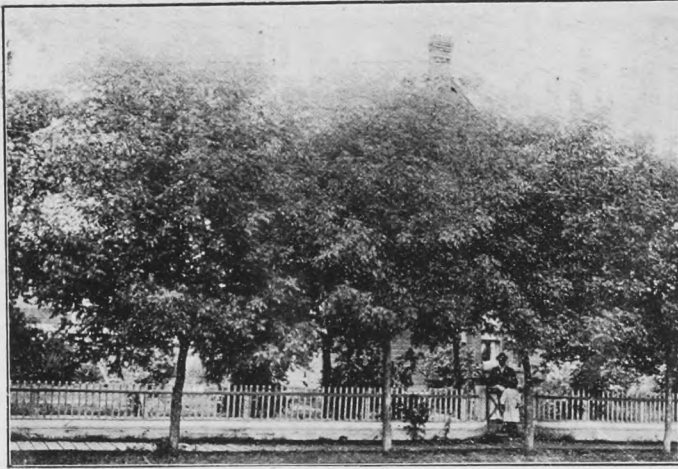
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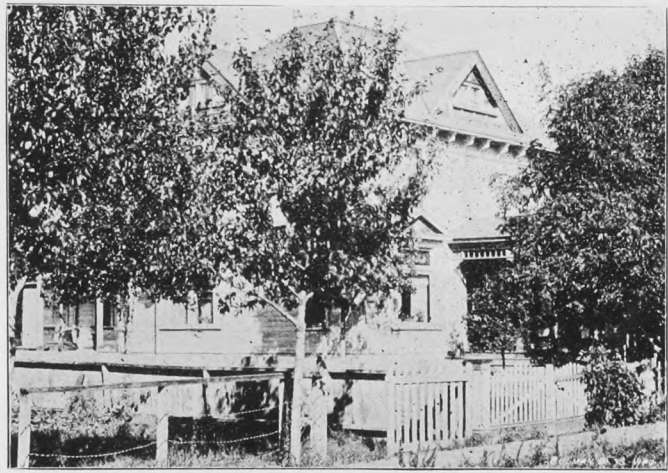


RESIDENCE OF J. H. RUDDELL, MAYOR OF MORDEN.

THE AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES OF THE MORDEN DISTRICT.

THE great agricultural district that is tributary to Morden is the southernmost portion of Manitoba's share of the Red River Valley, a region which is known far and wide as the richest belt of wheat producing land in the world. This great area of rich alluvial lands is the bed of a vast ancient lake, which has been given the name of Agassiz, and the old banks of which can be easily traced right across the province. In the district with which we are now concerned this ancient lake shore is now known as the Pembina Mountains—mountains, be it understood only in name, as they are, as a matter of fact, only hills of a few hundred feet in height above the level of the fertile plain which was formerly the bottom of the great lake. Thus, it is only natural that there is a very great difference in character of soil between the country west of the Pembina Mountains and that east of it. In the latter case the sediment of centuries has left a deep deposit of rich, black, heavy soil, which is practically of inexhaustible fertility, while in the case of the former the surface soil is of far less depth and of a lighter character. Each has its special virtues, but as a soil adapted to the growing of a long succession of heavy crops of wheat that of the Red River Valley far excels any other. From its nature it withstands drought a great deal better than the lighter soils

of the higher western plateau, and again on account of its lower elevation it is less liable to summer frosts. As drought and summer frosts are the only dangers that seriously affect the crops of this province it follows that wheat is more certain and more regular in this region of the ancient lake bottom than in any other. If the shore line of the lake be traced across the province, as can easily be done, it will be found that the whole of the bed of the old lake is dotted over with districts that are already distinguished as being certain and practically inexhaustible wheat producers. These include such well-known districts as Miami, Carman, Portage la Prairie, and Neepawa, in all of which wheat has never been known to fail, though, of course it varies with the season in yield, and may suffer like every place from hail in patches. But of all these famous wheat producing districts none are as uniform in character and extensive in area as that which we have called the "Morden District," where an almost completely unbroken, level plain of uniform fertility stretches from the Pembina Mountains to the Red River, and from the international boundary till it merges into the Miami and Roland Districts to the North. Of all this great area a very large



RESIDENCE OF H. S. LEMON, MORDEN.

proportion is already under cultivation, and there is scarcely an acre of it that is not excellent arable land. Already the fields stretch for miles in solid blocks as far as the eye can see, and there is no doubt that before many years a patch of unploughed land in this region will be a very difficult thing to find. In a word, it is beyond dispute that this is par excellence the great wheat producing region of this province which has already been aptly termed the "bread basket of the Empire."

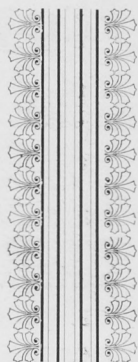
Consequently, it is not an unusual thing for a farmer in the Morden District to have as much as five or six hundred acres of land of his own under wheat, and very few would be found who have less than a hundred. Even in a year like the present, which is not distinguished for heavy yields, though the quality is perhaps the best on record, there are plenty of farmers who have 3,000 and more bushels of wheat to sell. With the price at 80 cents it will be seen that this means a considerable income for these men, who have no rent to pay, probably no fuel to buy, and who produce for themselves everything they require in the way of food but tea, sugar and a few luxuries. It is said truly that the secret of money making is the ability to save, and, therefore, certainly a large number of these lucky farmers must have it in their power to become comparatively wealthy in a short period of time. When it is remembered that the majority of the present resi-



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
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dents of this favored region came there, not only with nothing, but, in the case of the Mennonites, actually with a comparatively heavy load of debt to start with, it is easy to prove that these calculations are reasonable by the present independent state of the majority of these same men. In the case of the Mennonites we have reliable evidence of what they have done from records in the possession of Mr. Wm. Hespeler, German consul at Winnipeg, and who has been officially concerned

tion, more than four horses, nearly three cows, and about four young cattle, besides house, implements and land all paid for and owned in fee simple. Considering that at present prices the 80 acres would bring the average family gross receipts for crops alone to considerably over \$1,000, and besides that from their cows and young cattle, they would have additional revenue for butter and beef, it will not be denied that they furnish an example of prosperity acquired under all the dis-



A FARMER'S SUCCESS,
A. P. Stevenson's First House near Morden.

with the settlement of these people from the first up to the present day. Mr. Hespeler states that the 180 families who settled here in 1894 borrowed before they could start operations \$195,000 from the Dominion Government at five per cent. interest, and from their brethren of Waterloo, Ontario, \$20,000 without interest. In 1891 they had repaid the whole amount of these loans with interest, and they are now quite free from debt and prosperous in every respect. They

advantages of beginning under debt that it would be hard to equal in any other country in the world.

We have instanced the Mennonites, not because they are by any means the only or even the most brilliant examples of what has been done by the settlers in the Morden district, but because from the statistics that have been gathered and are easily available there is no difficulty in reducing the measure of their success to actual figures. But the Mennonite



A FARMER'S SUCCESS,
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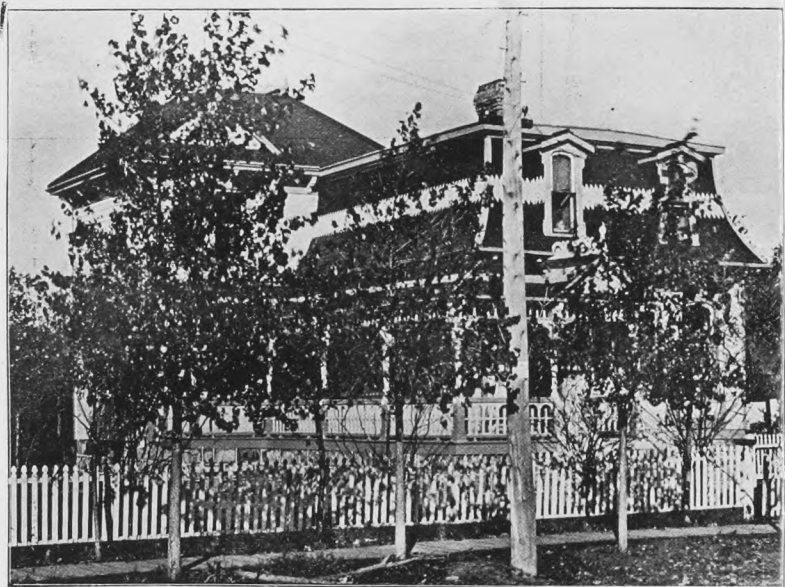
have now over 250,000 acres under cultivation, and they own, besides their houses, barns, implements, etc., 12,000 horses, 8,500 cows, and 11,000 young cattle. The original 180 families have increased by immigration and natural increase to 2,960 families numbering 20,000 souls. Thus each family averages in possessions nearly 80 acres under cultiva-

Reserve does not extend to the town of Morden, and in the immediate neighborhood there is settled a large number of the very best class of Canadian farmers that is to be found anywhere. The homes of some of these men will be seen illustrated in these pages, notably that of A. P. Stevenson, who owns an ideal farm near Nelson, about ten miles north of

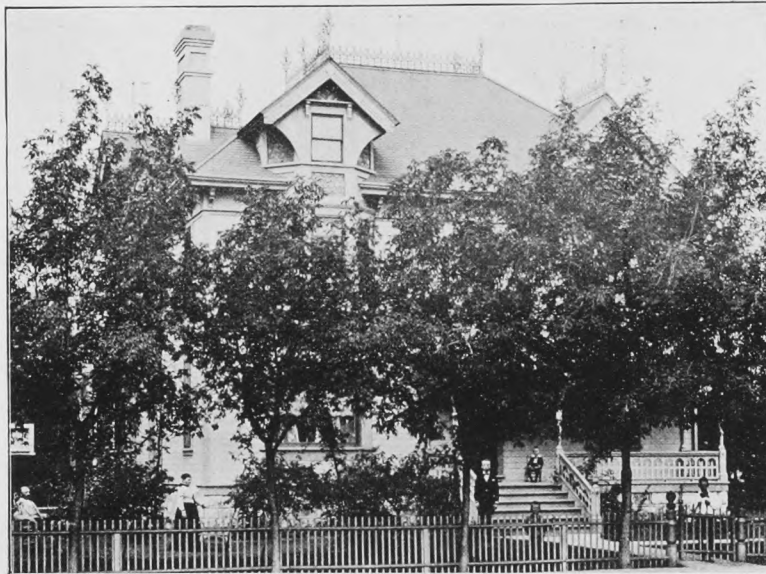


RESIDENCE OF JUDGE CORBET LOCKE, MORDEN.

Morden. The pictures of Mr. Stevenson's first and second houses indicate, perhaps better than words, the way in which he has progressed. He is distinguished as the most successful arboriculturist in the province. Even the Experimental Farm at Brandon, with all the facilities that money can command, has scarcely equalled Mr. Stevenson's success with fruits; and it will be consoling news to a great many people of this province that he has already clearly demonstrated that a large number of varieties of the best quality of any of the following fruits can be successfully produced here: Strawberries, red and yellow raspberries, black caps, currants of all kinds, gooseberries, plums, cherries, and finally not only crab apples, but a really good standard apple of the hardy Russian varieties. Last year Mr. Stevenson himself succeeded in producing 30 bushels of excellent standard apples, one specimen measuring $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches in circumference, and, of course, he had crab apples in abundance. Indeed, these latter are no longer in the experimental stage



RESIDENCE OF J. HEIMAN, MORDEN.



RESIDENCE OF H. P. HANSEN, EX-MAYOR, MORDEN.

around Morden, as they are already well established at a great many places there. In another part of this number will be found a review of the report of Mr. S. A. Bedford, of the Brandon Experimental Farm on this subject, as well as others, and from his evidence and the proof of what has been done near Morden by Mr. Stevenson and others, it is evident that the time will come when every farm in this province will have its orchard patch just as surely as in Ontario.

It would be easy enough to mention very many more examples of really wonderfully successful farmers in the vicinity of Morden, but enough has been said to show what the capabilities of the region are. It will be a matter of interest to people looking for farms in this province to know on what terms they can acquire one in this favored district. It will, of course, be understood that there are no longer any free lands in this district. There is, however, a fair amount of land to be had at as low a price as \$5.00 an acre, and some at even less, though for good lands within ten or twelve miles of the town the prices range generally from \$8 to \$18 per acre.

The terms are always very easy to the purchaser, generally a small cash payment with the balance in small yearly instalments at a low rate of interest. Lists and particulars of these lands can be had from any of the agents whose names will be found in our advertising pages, and without prejudice to other districts, we think we are justified in saying that no new comer to this province should make a final selection until he has at least made enquiries as to what the chances are of getting a place to suit him in such a favored locality as the Morden District.

There is just one other point that is of importance to the resident of any farming country which it will be as well to say a word about before closing this review of the resources of the Morden district, and that is the matter of fuel and water. The country is intersected by numerous creeks of good fresh, running water, and good springs are struck anywhere at easy depths, while as to fuel, there is a supply of wood that will last for many years on the eastern slopes of the Pembina Mountains, a belt of land running west and north-west from the

international boundary for about forty-five miles, and varying in width from three to eight miles. The commonest wood here is poplar, and this furnishes excellent fuel. But there is no doubt that the time is approaching when the district will have to depend on the coal that can be brought into the country, and if the railway company can see their way to reduce the rates from the Souris coal fields, there will

religious tenets and their social customs. Among the latter the most notable is the village system. Instead of living apart, each man on his own farm, they form themselves into village communities. Each villager receives a strip of land upon which he builds his house and barn; and around the village the land is parcelled out in allotments according to the amount each family can cultivate. The advantages of the



WHEAT FIELD NEAR MORDEN.
View on Geo. Bradshaw's Farm.

then be available an excellent lignite coal at a perfectly reasonable price, and this is probably the ultimate source from which the fuel supply of the district will be obtained.

THE MENNONITES.

A DESCRIPTION of the Morden district without mention of the Mennonites who have contributed largely to the prosperity of all the south central portion of Manitoba would be impossible, and just a few words as to

system are obvious, for everyone can appreciate the difference between living on an isolated farm and living in a village where school, church and social intercourse are within the reach of all. The only disadvantage that might be urged against the system is the distance of some houses from the fields where daily labor has to be carried on. That this disadvantage is more than counterbalanced by the advantages is, however, pretty generally acknowledged, and the Mennonite village system has been a distinct success.

The accompanying illustration is reproduced from a photograph of a typical Mennonite house.



A MENNONITE FARM HOUSE.

who and what these interesting people are will not be out of place. The Manitoba Mennonites are the descendants of Germans, who on account of persecutions in connection with their peculiar religious tenets and customs emigrated from Germany to Russia, whence a large number emigrated again to our more hospitable and liberal country. They have retained here their language, low German, their peculiar

MORDEN GLEANINGS.

THE GUN CLUB.

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THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Fall Fair is to be held at Morden on September 29 and 30. The event promises to be a greater success this year than ever before, as the committee in charge of the attractions have arranged for a very attractive programme. The races include an open Farmer's Trot, a Green Farmer's Trot, a 2.40 Free for All, and also a match race when the track record is expected to be broken, as some specially good horses will compete.

The officers of the Agricultural Society are: J. T. Hutchinson, president; J. A. Cowie, 1st vice-president; E. Letherdale, 2nd vice-president; and Jno. Gilchrist, secretary-treasurer.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY.

Morden is in the rural municipality of Stanley, of which Jas. Stodders, of Morden, is reeve, and Colin McCorquodale secretary-treasurer. The councillors are: Wm. Piepers, Jno. McDonald and Jos. Godken, of Morden, Jno. Sweet, of Thornhill, W. H. Taylor, Winkler, and Wm. Cameron, Roland.

THE MORDEN CHRONICLE.

The local newspaper is always a reflection of the prosperity and enterprise of the residents of a district. A really progressive place will not stand a poor local paper, for the residents realize that it misrepresents them abroad, and if such an one finds a footing in their midst they will very soon freeze it out, and promote the starting of a better one.

Thus, as might be expected, Morden supports a really creditable example of a good local journal. The Chronicle, as it is called, is a weekly, published every Thursday, and as it deserves, enjoys a good circulation and a liberal amount of advertising patronage.



I. A. COWIE'S PUMP WORKS, MORDEN.

The journal is published and edited by Mr. J. F. Galbraith, who is one of the pioneer newspaper men of this province, having been associated with Mr. Luxton on the Winnipeg Free Press as early as the year 1874. He was also one of the very earliest pioneers of the Pembina Mountain country, and his varied experience of life in this province has been of invaluable service to him in qualifying him to speak with authority on almost any subject in connection with its requirements.

Under Mr. Galbraith's able management the Chronicle is strongly edited, and although nominally liberal in politics, it is conducted with an independence that has secured for it the esteem and good will of all parties in its wide constituency.

A NEW BLOCK.

A new solid stone block is projected to take the place of the old building on the corner of Stephen and Seventh Streets, now occupied by J. A. Hobbs, the druggist, and Drs. McConnell, and Burnham. The building will be a great improvement to the town and will be on quite a large scale.

NEW STATION BUILDINGS.

The C. P. Ry. Co. have awarded the contract for the construction of a new depot and freight sheds at Morden. The new station will be the best on the Pembina Branch.

OUR WORST WEEDS.

PROFESSOR SAUNDERS, of the Central Experimental Farm, has issued a bulletin on the subject of weeds, which, though of wider scope, is akin to the excellent pamphlet published by our own Department of Agriculture on "Noxious Weeds and How to Destroy Them"—a piece of literature that should be in the hands of every farmer in Manitoba. This later production of the Central Experimental Farm treats of all the worst Canadian weeds, but as we are more directly concerned with the Northwest it is only of the weeds that prevail there that we need consider the information afforded by this bulletin. Professor Saunders designates, without any hesitation, "Tumbling Mustard" as the worst weed that exists in Canada. It is only about 10 years since it was first noticed as a troublesome pest of the farm, and although great efforts have been made to control it, it has



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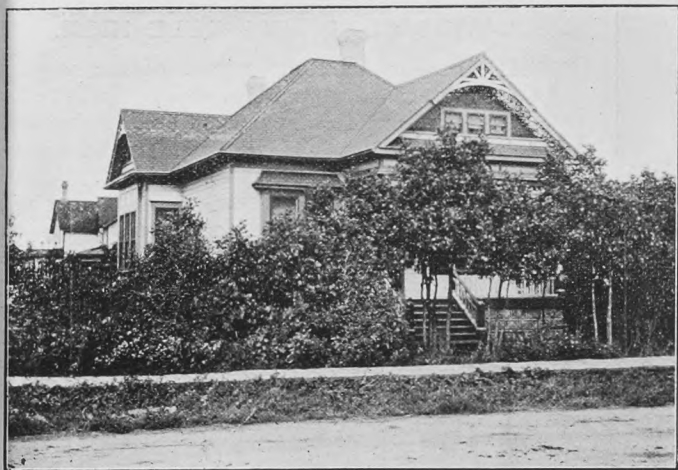
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gradually spread over hundreds of thousands of acres in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba. It has all the bad characteristics of the other mustards, and besides, is a large, free-growing, exceptionally prolific plant, of which, when the seeds are ripe, the head breaks off, and then become a tumbling weed, and is blown for miles around the prairies in autumn and during the winter, scattering the seeds over wide areas. As an indication of the way in which this pest will multiply, it is notable that a single plant from Indian Head, bore more than one million and a half seeds. These numerous



RESIDENCE OF JAS. BONNY, MORDEN.

seeds are contained in pods, each of which holds about 120 seeds. This weed is fortunately not yet of general occurrence on the prairie, but wherever it is known it should be more dreaded than any other,

A weed that is perhaps even better known than tumbling mustard, and certainly is the most familiar weed of the Red River Valley, is Stink Weed. The worst characteristics of this weed are its early ripening, the rapidity with which it spreads, and the almost incredible difficulty of eradicating it when once established. It is of the utmost importance that no effort should be spared to destroy every plant as soon as noticed in any ground where it has not previously established itself. On account of the rapidity with which the seed ripens ploughing in is of no use; and the best method of cleaning the land of the pest is to adopt some treatment by which the seeds are made to germinate and the young plants are destroyed before they can ripen fresh seeds. This can be done by plowing the plants at the proper time and burning them as soon as they are dry enough.

Ball Mustard is one of the new weeds in grain fields. From the rapidity with which it has spread all through the west, there is no doubt that it is a weed which must be fought vigorously by farmers. It is already alarmingly prevalent in Manitoba and the Territories wherever wheat is grown. It will be recognized as a rather slender, erect annual, two or three feet high, with arrow-shaped leaves, covered with star-shaped hairs growing close to the stem. The flowers are orange yellow, so that the plant is easily recognized at a distance when growing in a crop. They are about an eighth of an inch in diameter and are borne in clusters at the ends of the branches.

A weed that is particularly troublesome after wet springs on dry or light land, though other years scarcely appearing at all, is Pepper Grass. This is a slender herb, 12 to 18 inches high, which develops in the shape of a miniature tree, with a central stem and a large spreading head. It produces an enormous quantity of very small reddish seeds, two in each of the small, flat pods which are borne thickly all along the branches. Although generally described as an annual, pepper

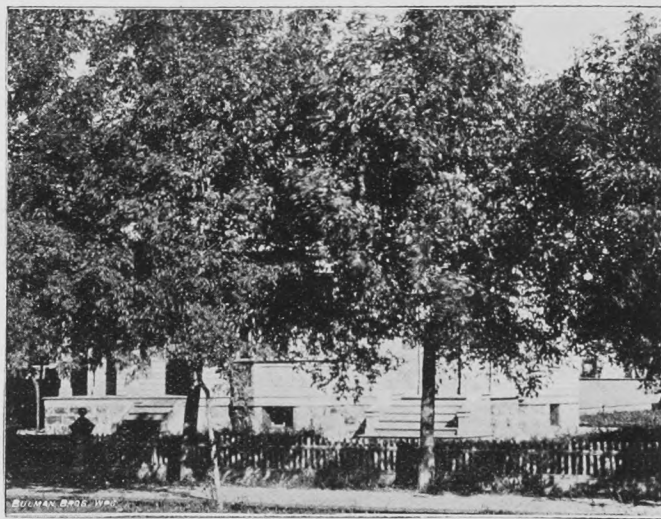
grass is much more a biennial in habit. Fall and spring ploughing or cultivating will destroy those autumn-germinated plants which are the ones most likely to do harm to wheat crops.

The Cow Cackle, also called Cow-Herb and China Cackle, is an annual plant which has been introduced into Manitoba from Southern Europe. It has spread with alarming rapidity throughout the southern portions of the province especially though it has been detected elsewhere. The cow cackle grows from seed every year and forms a rather elegant plant, from one to two and one-half feet high, much branched, and bearing, in July, a great many pretty pink flowers, about half an inch across, which are followed by roundish capsules contained in the fine, angled, enlarged calyxes. The seeds are round, hard and black, slightly roughened on the surface—a characteristic by which they can be easily distinguished from the seeds of wild vetches, which are of about the same size.

Indian Hay, or Sweet Grass, is another particularly troublesome weed on the prairie. It is frequently and incorrectly spoken of as Quack, or Couch, Grass—quite a different plant, which roots near the surface of the soil and can therefore be destroyed by ploughing shallow. The sweet grass, on the other hand, roots deeply and shallow ploughing merely stimulates its growth. The treatment recommended is to plough in spring when the grass is in flower and then seed down heavily at once.

Speaking generally Professor Saunders declares that there is no weed known which cannot be eradicated by constant attention if only the nature of its growth be understood. Farmers should be constantly on the alert to prevent new weeds from becoming established on their farms. There are some general rules given by Professor Saunders which all farmers should know by heart. They are:—

- 1 All weeds bearing mature seeds should be burnt, and under no circumstances should they be ploughed under.
- 2 Never allow weeds to seed.
- 3 Cultivate frequently, particularly early in the season, so as to destroy seedlings which are of weak growth.



RESIDENCE OF W. E. TWEED, L.D.S., MORDEN.

4 For shallow rooted perennials, either trench the land deeply or plough so lightly that the roots are exposed to the sun and dry up. For deep-rooted perennials the only means of destroying them is to prevent them from forming leaves and thus storing up nourishment in their root stalks to sustain further growth. This can be done by constant cultivation.

Summer-fallowing is of course strongly recommended by Professor Saunders as the best agricultural practice for the Northwest, being advisable for many reasons besides that of cleaning the land. In this connection Mr. S. A. Bedford, of



LAWN ON A. P. STEVENSON'S FARM, NEAR MORDEN.

the Brandon Experimental, who speaks with more direct experience, is equally emphatic. He says: "In regard to summer-fallowing I consider it is absolutely essential on farms outside of the Red River Valley, where, however, the advantages are not so clearly apparent, but even there I contend that the farmers would be benefitted from a proper fallow every three or four years; too frequent fallowing in the Red River Valley causes rank vegetation and lodged grain. On our lighter and better drained soils this seldom occurs. Unfortunately, in this country, much of the so-called summer-fallowing is badly done."

In similar strain, Mr. Hugh McKellar, chief clerk of the Department of Agriculture, very astutely puts it: "Some farmers say they cannot afford to summer-fallow. I may say farmers cannot afford NOT to summer fallow."

After discussing other methods of holding weeds in check, such as seeding down to grass or clover, Professor Saunders says that the killing of weeds by the application of chemicals is not often a practical remedy, but that salt, coal oil, sulphuric acid, and carbolic acid have been used successfully on limited areas.

Mr. L. A. Dewey, Assistant in the United States Division of Botany, says, when speaking on the use of chemicals: "A few drops of carbolic acid applied at the base of the main stem with an ordinary machine oil can is the best method that has yet been devised for killing weeds with chemicals. But on the whole the use of chemicals as weed destroyers has not given much satisfaction, on account of their cost and the expense of applying them."

WHY WHEAT WILL RULE HIGH.

THE regular monthly report of the world's stocks of wheat, prepared by Bradstreets, shows clearly that the present bullish condition of the wheat market is amply justified by the statistical situation. Stocks of available wheat, United States and Canada, both coasts, on September 1st, amounted to a total of 25,013,000 bushels, against 61,000,000 the same date last year. Available supplies have been steadily decreasing from week to week since January 1st. This is usual in the early part of the year, but, as a rule, with arrivals of

the first new wheat late in June, the available supply begins to increase early in July. It is very rare indeed for the supply to show a decrease until as late as September, but this year shows a steady decrease up to that date, amounting to a total shrinkage during that period of 52,445,000 bushels.

The world's supply also shows a remarkable falling off from recent years at this date. On September 1st, this year, it was 66,913,000 against 97,076,000 at the same date last year. The present world's supply is lower than it has been at the same date for the past ten years. The shrinkage since January 1st, this year, has been from 139,163,000 bushels to 66,913,000, the supply on September 1. European supplies are considerably below requirements, even now, in spite of recent heavy buying in America, and if Europeans require stocks equal to what they have held in preceding years they will still have to purchase heavily from America, the only available market this year.

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American Northwest. These reports indicate a considerably smaller yield than has been calculated upon, and as the American crops control the world's market this year, any unexpected shortage is calculated to stiffen the prices more even than European buying. In a word, for once the farmer can depend upon the condition of the market being beyond the control of the "bears," and he can rely with absolute certainty upon the highest price he has received for his wheat for many years, and may be sure that a good price will be maintained until next year at least, with the prospect of a quite phenomenal rise at any period of excitement, speculative, or otherwise, that may occur at any time with the market in such an excitable condition.

THE WHEAT SITUATION.

BRADSTREET'S says that no such statistical strength has underlain the world's wheat markets, more particularly the wheat markets in America, since the early eighties, and it is not beyond the bounds of probabilities that this will prove the banner wheat year for years to come so far as the American production of that cereal is concerned. An advance of 30 to 35 cents a bushel during harvesting season in the United States, while the bulk of the crop is yet in the hands of producers, and in the face of short present and prospective supplies in all other exporting and in leading wheat importing countries, forms a combination of favoring circumstances from the point of view of the American farmer which he is not likely to experience more than twice in a life-time.

This exactly accords with the predictions in the last issue of *THE COLONIST*, for what is true of the American producer is equally true of the Canadian, and in the case of Manitoba still more so, thus confirming our expressed anticipation that the farmer of Western Canada is about to experience the best season as regards prices that it has as yet been his good fortune to meet with. This in connection with a crop of practically perfect quality, if of comparatively light yield, means prosperity for everybody.

REPORT ON CROPS, LIVE STOCK, ETC. ISSUED BY THE MANITOBA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND IMMIGRATION.

ESTIMATED CROPS FOR 1897.

WHEAT.

District.	Area under Crop, acres	Yield per Acre, bushels	Total Yield bushels
North Western.....	90,000	1.7	1,593,000
South Western.....	554,626	13.9	7,709,301
North Central.....	240,181	18.	4,323,258
South Central.....	320,000	18.5	5,920,000
Eastern.....	83,075	20.2	1,738,715
Province.....	1,209,882	16.49	21,281,274

OATS.

District.	Area under Crop, acre	Yield per Acre, bushels	Total Yield bushels
North Western.....	68,940	30.5	2,102,670
South Western.....	169,925	18.8	3,194,590
North Central.....	73,656	30.5	2,246,508
South Central.....	105,100	30.4	3,195,040
Eastern.....	50,520	35.2	1,778,304
Province.....	468,141	26.73	12,517,112



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BARLEY.

District.	Area under Crop, acres	Yield per Acre, bushels	Total Yield bushels
North Western.....	13,770	24.	330,480
South Western.....	32,856	18.	591,408
North Central.....	37,740	24.	905,760
South Central.....	44,000	25.	1,100,000
Eastern.....	24,900	28.8	717,120
Province.....	153,266	23.8	3,644,768

FLAX, RYE AND PEAS.

	Area in Crop, acres	Average Yield, bushels	Total Yield, bushels
Flax.....	20,653	15.	309,795
Rye.....	2,975	18.5	55,067
Peas.....	1,669	23.	38,387

HAY.

District.	Prairie Hay.	Cultivated Grasses.
North Western.....	2 tons	1.5 tons
South Western.....	1.5 "	1.5 "
North Central.....	1.5 "	1.1 "
South Central.....	1.4 "	1.6 "
Eastern.....	1.7 "	1.4 "
Average.....	1.6 tons	1.4 tons

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From the above it will be seen that the past season has not been a favorable one for the fodder crops—the average yield for the province being three-tenths of a ton per acre less than last year, for both native and cultivated grasses. This is due, doubtless, to the remarkably dry weather experienced during the month of May, and to the fact that June also was much drier than usual. Reports from different localities show the greatest variation—some stating the yield as high as four tons and some as low as one half ton per acre. As was the case last year, the yield of the native grasses is heavier than that of the cultivated varieties.

LIVE STOCK.

In most parts of the Province horses are reported as being rather thin, the reason being the lightness of last year's oats. Other stock is everywhere reported to be in good condition and excellent health. No disease has been prevalent, though individual cases of the usual diseases to which stock are subject have been reported. Sheep and pigs are reported doing well and free from disease.

PASTURES.

The majority of reports agree in stating that pastures are in good condition, but from all districts except the Eastern and the eastern part of the North Central come occasional complaints that they are drying up and badly in need of rain. On the whole, the grazing lands of the province are in fair average condition for the season of the year.

BREAKING AND FALLOWING.

District.	Breaking. acres	Fallowing. acres
North Western.....	9,810	29,700
South Western.....	42,380	241,150
North Central.....	15,000	54,750
South Central.....	15,200	54,400
Eastern.....	6,400	12,960
Province.....	88,790	392,960

HARVEST HANDS.

A circular card was sent out by the Department to each correspondent, asking the number of extra men required to take off the harvest. The answers received indicate that over 4,000 men are required in harvesting and threshing. Our agent in the East was notified, and the "Harvest Excursions" are bringing in a number of men which it is hoped will be sufficient to take off the crop and get through threshing in good time.

CROP PROSPECTS.

Although the first part of the season was dry and retarded the growth of the crops in most districts, yet it will be seen from the tabulated statement herewith that the crop, on the whole, is a fair average one.

Last season's correspondents mentioned much damage by an insect boring at the base of the stem of the wheat plant, causing it to turn white, and producing an empty head. This is reported to a greater extent again this season—the damage being stated in some cases to be as much as one-fifth of the entire crop. If the insect referred to be the Wheat-stem Sawfly, the remedy is very simple, as will be seen from the following paragraph from the Dominion Experimental Farm Report for 1896.

"Remedies—As nearly all the larvæ (of the Wheat-stem Saw-fly) pass the winter in the base of the straw, it is quite evident that the most practical remedy will be found in treating the stubble so as to destroy them, or the pupæ, before the flies emerge. This may be done either by plowing deeply after harvest, or by burning over, which for another reason also, will certainly be a most useful practice in Manitoba, for in the Province, on account of the usual plan of growing wheat for several seasons on the same land, some bad weeds have increased enormously. The burning over of stubble in

Autumn will certainly destroy vast numbers of these and their seeds, as well as at the same time the larvæ of the Wheat-stem Sawfly. In Manitoba a great deal more straw is produced every year by farmers than they can possibly feed or use otherwise, and, as a consequence, as soon as the farmer knows how much he will require, the residue—a large amount—is burned every spring, simply to get it out of the way. Should the Wheat-stem Sawfly ever increase sufficiently to affect the yield appreciably, the burning in autumn of the straw not needed would undoubtedly be a wise practice, as it is known that a few of the cocoons at any rate, are formed in the straw."—Report of Dr. James Fletcher, Botanist and Entomologist.

This is the only serious damage to the crop reported this year, with the exception of one or two hailstorms of local character, covering only very limited areas.

AVERAGE RAINFALL.

Average for the month of April.....	.43 inches
" " May.....	.95 "
" " June.....	2.06 "
" " July.....	3.84 "
Total for April, May, June and July.....	7.28 inches

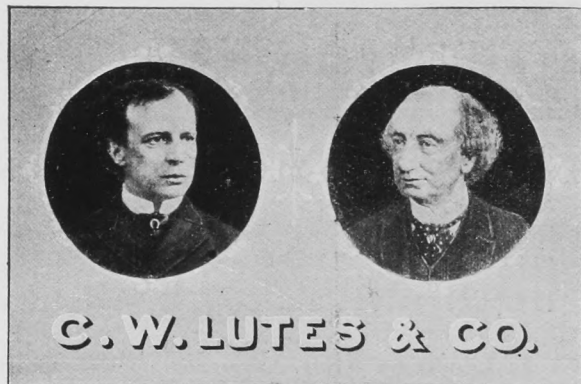
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MANITOBA'S GOLD FIELDS.

MANITOBA'S gold fields, or, in other words, the fields that produce her golden grain, have this year yielded a crop estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 21,000,000 bushels of wheat alone. The current price averages 76 cents, which makes Manitoba's product in gold, this year, for wheat alone equal to a value of \$15,960,000. When will the gold fields of Western Ontario equal this yield, and when they do will the product be divided among a larger or smaller number of people? At present Manitoba's wheat yield is divided among about 20,000 farmers, or an average to each producer of about \$798. But these same farmers are not living by wheat alone. This is only one source of revenue to them out of many. They have also beef, butter, potatoes, oats, barley, and poultry to sell, and sometimes other things, so that it may be fairly estimated that their incomes will average at least \$1,000 per farmer. Thus Manitoba's fields have yielded this year fully \$20,000,000 in gold, divided among 20,000 actual producers, and a general population of about 200,000.

In order to produce \$20,000,000 in gold from the Western Ontario gold fields, averaging the yield of ore at \$10 to the ton, which would be a liberal estimate taking good with bad, there would be required as many as 2,739 stamps, allowing two tons per stamp per day all working without a pause for 365 days in the year. In other words, in practice there would have to be at least 3,000 stamps constantly at work during the whole year. The mills of course would vary very much in size—some would have only 10 stamps, some might go as high as 200, as they do in the Transvaal—so, that they may fairly be expected not to average more than 40 stamps to the mill. This would mean 75 fully developed mines in successful and constant operation, all on a much larger scale than the most developed mine as yet in the district. 75 constantly working mines would mean at least 8 to 10,000 working miners employed in the district, besides managers, clerks, engineers, and others. 75 working mines would require a great many other tributary industries in the district, such as lumbering, transportation, distribution of supplies, etc., and there is no doubt that as soon as the mines support 10,000 working miners, it will mean an additional population to the whole district of at least as much as the present population of Manitoba, or 200,000. Thus, supposing as much gold in the shape of expenses comes into Western Ontario as is taken out

of it, which is, we believe, the general experience of gold mining the world over, it would not make it a more generally profitable industry than this old-fashioned and prosaic industry of farming, which is the life blood of Manitoba. At the same time it has taken Manitoba just about 25 years to establish her industry upon its present footing, and though it is probable that Ontario will have 75 working mines in less time, it is not at all certain that there will be such a very great difference.

Of course, it is to be hoped that this degree of development may be reached very much sooner, but these figures are intended to show that even when it is reached it is not so certain that Ontario will be a much more prosperous country than Manitoba, though the city of Winnipeg may congratulate itself on the fact that it will reap the benefit from both, not to an equal extent perhaps, but certainly to a great degree from the goldfields to the east, as well as from the agricultural lands to the west.

In a word, Winnipeg will benefit in any case, but as far as the relative prosperity of the two countries is concerned, it seems to us that the only real advantage that Western Ontario, with her gold mines, will have over Manitoba, with her agricultural lands, is that the former is independent of the weather, upon which uncertain factor in the latter's prosperity so much depends.

THE DAWN OF PROSPERITY.

THE product of gold is rapidly increasing. A new mill at the Lake of the Woods, another at Seine River, already add to the production, while a large customs mill is in course of construction at Keewaton, and the producing capacity of both the Regina and Sultana mines will soon be enormously increased. The wheat crop of the Northwest is safe, and while it is not above the average in yield, it is about the best in quality that has ever been harvested, and in value at present prices far excels the crop of any previous year.

The earnings of all the railroads in this country are in advance of any previous year, and are rapidly increasing. The bank clearings are improving in volume to an unprecedented extent. The Crow's Nest Pass Railway, and many other large undertakings are giving employment to every man willing to work. Not a man in Western Canada need be idle to-day.

Wheat is high; beef is a good price; and the farmers are getting more for all their products than for a long time past. Money is plentiful and cheaper than it has ever been in this country; confidence is completely revived; all lines of trade are improving; and the only man who has any grievance to-day is the pessimist, who mourns that, for once, his most congenial occupation is gone.

Many of us have been patiently awaiting for years just such a season as this, and now it is here let us make the most of it—soberly, prudently, but with the firm determination that, at last, we will "get there."

THE NEEPAWA MINING COMPANY.

ON SEPTEMBER 1st., the Neepawa Mining Company took up the six months' option that they held on mining locations H. W. 54 and 87. As will be seen from what follows, this means a great deal to the lucky shareholders of this company; and it is one of the most important mining transactions that has taken place this year, in the Manitou District. The claims on which they held the option, H. W. 54 and 87, are adjoining properties situated on Mosher Bay, and contain together approximately an area of a hundred acres. After taking the option on these properties, last spring, the company traced one of the most promising veins right across H. W. 54, under the lake and on to a neighboring island. This island they then acquired together with the water rights between the island and the main land, and thus they own a mile and three quarters in length of a most valuable vein, which has been traced for its entire length, and found to pan gold everywhere. On H. W. 54 they have sunk a shaft 75 feet deep into this vein. On the surface where this shaft is sunk, the vein was between well defined walls four feet wide, but it increased rapidly in width with depth, and at the bottom of the eight-foot square shaft the whole is in vein matter, and the hanging wall is at apparently a considerable distance. The company are now engaged in crosscutting to ascertain the width of the vein.

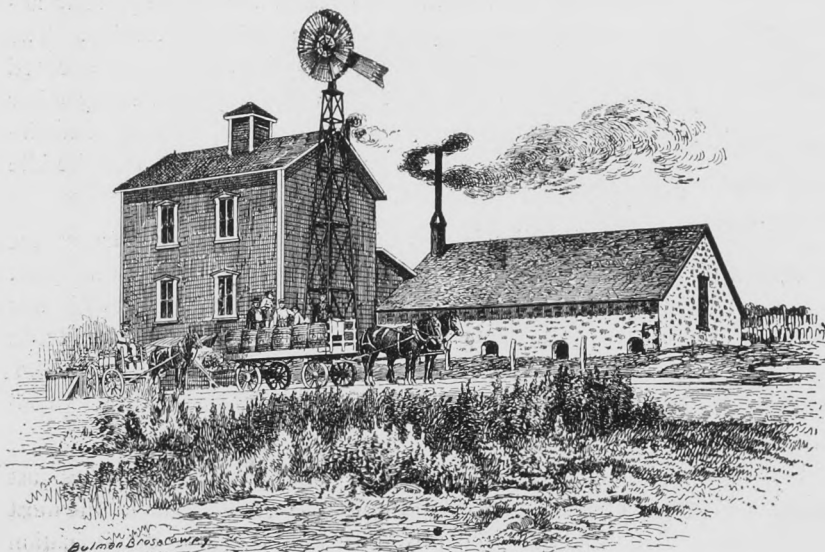
The ore has been assayed from every part of the 75 foot shaft by Mr. Guernsey, the expert assayer, who is an employee of the company. These assays were very carefully made in the interests of the company to assure themselves that they were warranted in taking up the option, and they have long known that they had a very good thing. The numerous assays that have been made from every part of the shaft run from \$7.00 to \$140.00 to the ton. The average of any quantity of ore picked from any part of the dump goes \$20.00 to the ton, and the reasonable assumption is that that forms the general average of the whole vein. Thus the company has every reason to heartily congratulate themselves on the possession of a vein proved by strippings to be over a mile and three

quarters in length on their own property, tested to a depth of 75 feet and showing a width of over eight feet at least, with an average value in yield of \$20.00 to the ton. Every shot produces pieces showing free gold, and these can be picked up anywhere on the dump. Here is an example of a genuine property, which can be demonstrated by a simple process of mensuration to be worth a definite amount at least, with incalculable possibilities, which with the indications in sight are certainly more than a gamble. It affords an excellent example of a property with a definitely calculable value as distinguished from a mere "claim" upon the indefinable values of which THE COLONIST has in recent issues laid some stress.

Anyone can go into the mining districts and buy claims for from a hundred dollars up, but as we have previously argued these claims have no ascertainable value whatever, and may be very dear at ten dollars—the whole thing being a pure lottery. But a property such as this can be shown to have at least a certain amount of value by actual measurement and calculation. Therefore, because the Neepawa Mining Company not only gave, but were most eager to give, \$40,000 in hard cash, paid down on September 1st., for this property, it does not argue that among a hundred other mining claims there may be one that is worth as many cents. The Neepawa Mining Company have now been actively mining for about a year, but this payment of \$40,000 in cash for H. W. 54 and 87 was probably the richest strike they have yet made. For that \$40,000 they have already \$10,000 worth of ore on the dump on one location, and many times that amount in sight in the shaft. The other location, H. W. 87, they have already given an option on for \$20,000, with \$2,000 paid down.

They may either mine H. W. 54 themselves, or if they get their price for it part with it and take their profit quickly. Already they have two propositions for English syndicates who want 54, and the price to them is \$150,000 or nothing.

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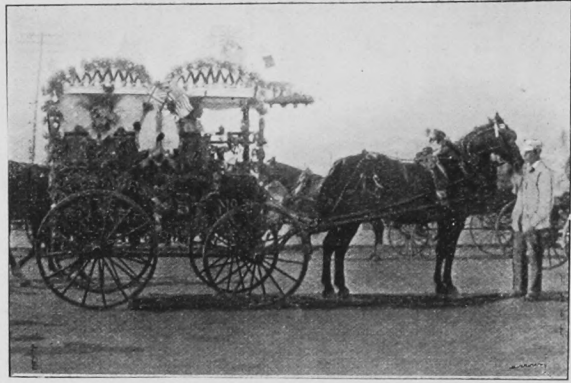
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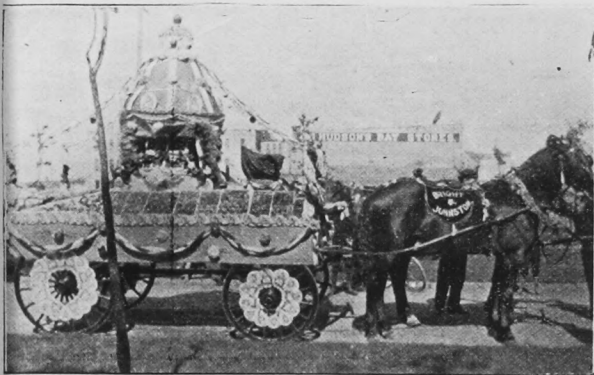
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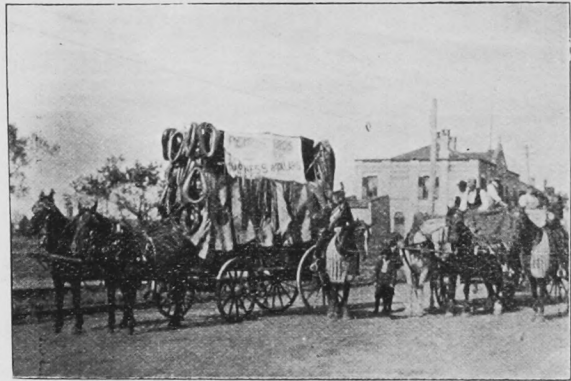
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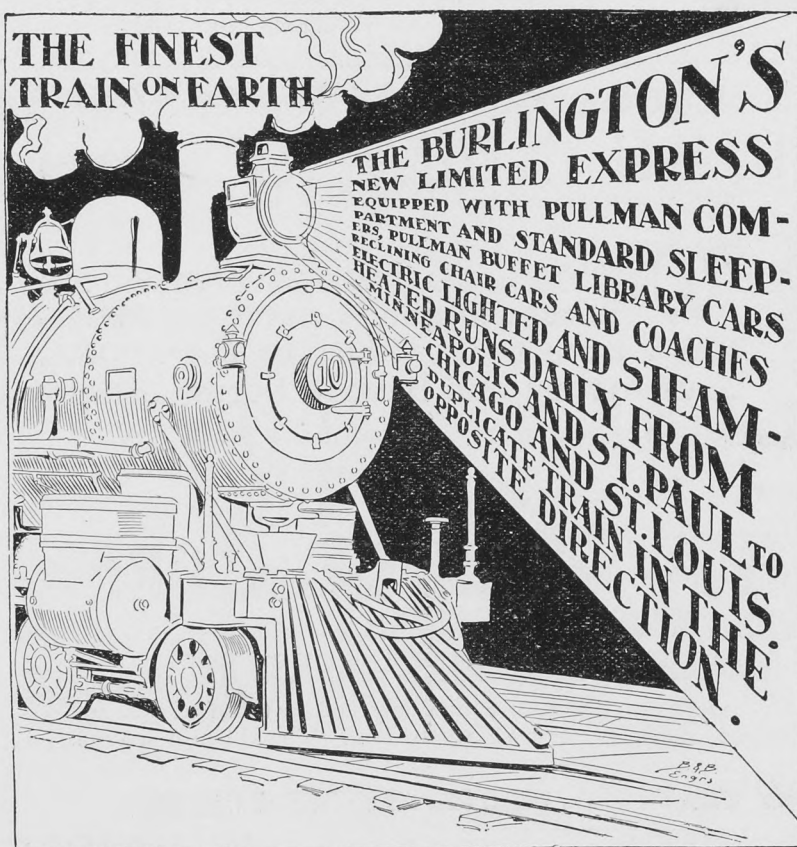
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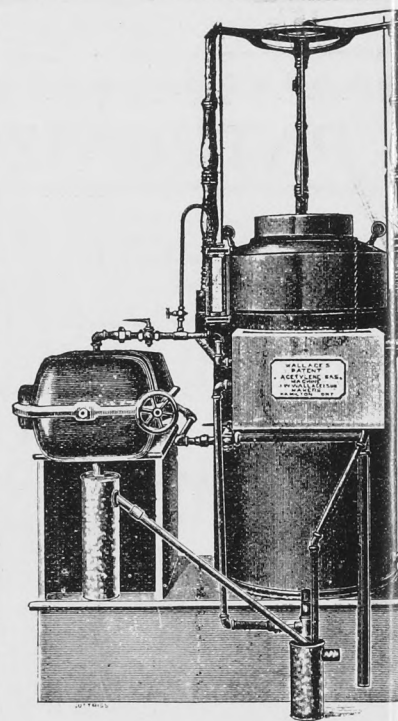
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THE EXPERIMENTAL FARMS.

THE blue-book containing the reports of the Superintendents of the experimental farms would be a valuable addition to the library of every farmer. The expense entailed in making agricultural experiments is too great for individual farmers to indulge in, but by studying the blue-books they might all share in the benefits of these elaborate and expensive experiments, which are of course undertaken entirely for their ultimate benefit.

The reports for last year prove, once more, the superiority of the Northwest over the rest of the Dominion as a grain-growing country, and this in spite of a very unfavorable season. This is no more than we would expect, but where there may be some occasion for surprise is the evidence contained in Mr. S. A. Bedford's report that Manitoba is destined to become far more than a merely wheat-growing country. Mr. Bedford has proved by his experiments with grasses, ensilage, field roots, as well as in the feeding of cattle, the maintenance of the flow of milk in cows, etc., that this country is as favorably situated for mixed farming as any other part of the Dominion. In this respect one of the most important features of the experiments at Brandon is the success that has been attained with Awnless Brome Grass. This is a plant that is relished both by horses and cattle; it is very nutritious; and has been proved to yield largely both in hay and seed, while as a pasture grass it is unequalled for this province, springing early in the spring and remaining green till the snow comes, being in this respect far ahead of the native grasses. One quotation from Mr. Bedford's report will be enough to recommend it to every farmer. "A field of grass was sown on the Experimental Farm in the spring of 1890, and has borne crops of hay every year since, the first four crops averaging from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons per acre. Last year (the fifth crop) the plants sent up very few stalks and the crop was scarcely worth cutting for hay but made fair pasture. This year's heavy rainfall revived the plants and over two tons of hay per acre were cut."

Valuable as are the lessons to be learnt from the experiments in the more common branches of agriculture, it is possible that a still more important effect on the future of this province will be brought about by the creation on the farm of many excellent varieties of fruit trees that will thrive in this climate. The experiments with grains, grasses and cattle are resulting in improvements and modifications in existing methods

of farming, but the experiments with fruit trees are producing an entirely new branch of agriculture, and are destined to create for the province a product which has hitherto been considered as much beyond its possibilities as the production of cotton or tea. Already at the Brandon farm they have succeeded in producing a perfectly hardy crab, which, although as yet small, will certainly under the improving influences of cross fertilization and selection form the basis of useful apples for Manitoba. In several parts of the province already farmers have crab apple trees which regularly bear fruit, but at the Experimental Farm they are confident of making a standard apple that will thrive in this climate.

In cherries, five trees each of six varieties of seedlings from the Experimental Farm at Ottawa have survived one winter at Brandon, many of them showing no injury whatever. Six varieties of the native cherry have also been selected for propagation, and will become, it is probable, standard cherries of Manitoba. Both native and imported plums are doing well, producing fruit in good quantities and of excellent size and flavor. The native varieties are, of course, doing best, but many kinds of imported plums have already been tested for four years and found to survive the winter and bear fruit in the summer. The wild black currant is an excellent fruit, familiar to every resident on the prairies, but many improved varieties have been imported and have succeeded well at Brandon. The same may be said of both red and white currants, proving, as might well be imagined from the way the native currant thrives, that almost any variety of this fruit may be acclimatized here. The same may be said of raspberries and blackberries, of which fifteen out of thirty-eight varieties tested have proved successful. Twenty-four varieties of improved gooseberries have been tested, though not with such promising results as have been obtained from the cultivation of the native sandhill gooseberry—a much better fruit than the common native gooseberry—which has been found to produce a good-sized fruit of very fair flavor, and is perfectly hardy. Experiments have also been made with grapes, though not for long enough to be able to predict success. Thus the Brandon farm has already proved that every farmer in Manitoba may have an orchard. There will go out from Brandon thousands of seedlings of acclimatized varieties, and it is not too much to hope that it will before very long be the usual thing for every farm to have its little orchard containing, at least, apples, plums, cherries, red, white and black currants, raspberries, gooseberries, and perhaps grapes.

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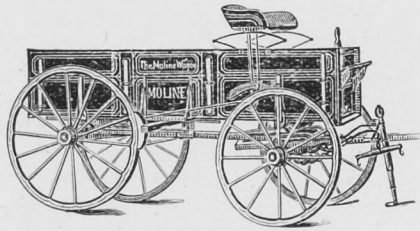
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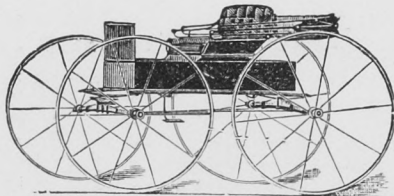
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ANOTHER NEW GOLD FIELD.

As far as Canada is concerned this has certainly been a notable year for gold excitements. Besides the re-awakened interest in the Rainy River District, there has been the great Klondyke craze, and now there is another new Canadian district attracting a rush—Michipicoten. The Michipicoten gold fields, as they are already called, are not yet a month old, and yet they are already attracting such a rush—in particular from the direction of Sault Ste. Marie—that a local paper of that place says seriously that if the excitement keeps up, the two Soos will soon be almost depopulated.

This new gold field is situated on the northeasterly shore of Lake Superior, about 120 miles in a northerly direction from the Soo, which is the nearest point of anything like settlement. It is, however, not far from a railroad, the C. P. R. passing about forty miles north of it; and the station of Missanable is just about 39 miles from the new mining camp of the region which has been given the name of Wawa City. As Missanable is just 324 miles east of Fort William, it will be seen that the distance of the new gold field from that point is just about three-quarters as much as the distance of Fort William from Winnipeg.

The discoveries have been made in the valley of the river Michipicoten, which flows into Lake Superior, and seven miles from the mouth of this river the new mining camp of Wawa City has been located. The preliminary survey of this "city" was completed on September 8th, and at that time there was one solitary log hut—the only building within the precincts of this scrap of wilderness which has already had the title of "city" bestowed upon it. However, there was quite a cluster of tents sheltering the prospective citizens, and as a steady rush to the district has set in it is probable that before these words are in print there will be the foundation laid of a considerable number of buildings.

The discoveries that led to the excitement were made on a lake, known as Lake Wawa, which is described as being a body of water about six miles long, and surrounded on every side by steep banks of rock. There is but one entrance to this walled lake, that on the north which leads away to Dog Lake and its chain on the borders of which, 39 miles away, is the station of Missanable. It is at this entrance to the lake that Wawa City is situated. Up to the present supplies have been going in from the Soo, by Lake Superior and a very rough trail from the mouth of the Michipicoten, where there is an abandoned Hudson's Bay Post, seven

miles north to Wawa City and the mining region.

It is as yet impossible to say what the value of these discoveries amount to, though there have been no end, during the last few weeks, to the extravagant stories of wonderfully rich finds. This, however, as the old-fashioned prospector of more westerly gold field knows very well, is a general characteristic of all new gold fields in their earliest stage of infancy. Reports of assays running away up into the hundreds will no doubt attract a rush of the inexperienced, but they mean little without something more definite to those who have cut their eye-teeth in mining. Therefore, though the excitement will be watched by us with interest, it is not likely that any of our prospectors will become infected until more definite information is available.

The geological formation is apparently somewhat similar to the Lake of the Woods, Huronian, with several areas of eruptive granite. But from the point of view of the prospector it has the very great drawback of a very heavy growth of spruce and tamarac, the surface, moreover, being covered with from six to eight inches of moss. The surface is also apparently rougher than at the Lake of the Woods, the hills being both higher and steeper.

The specimens that have been brought in, and that have aroused the present excitement, are said to be very rich in free gold, and the quartz is said to be very soft and easily milled. So far as known the ore is supposed to be free milling to a large extent, and up to the present several specimens have assayed exceedingly well. The veins in which this ore occurs are reported to be very regular, running southwest and northeast, and averaging in width from six inches to four feet on the surface.

At the Soo in particular, but also in Toronto and throughout Eastern Ontario, a great deal of excitement has been caused by these discoveries, and for the last few weeks the Klondyke has been almost forgotten. As there is still nearly two months of the best part of the year for prospecting, it is probable that something more definite as to the prospects of this new gold field will be known before the winter.

A GOOD AND A BAD WAY.

The Evening Telegram, of Superior, Wis., continues to print interesting letters from its correspondent in the Western Ontario Gold Fields. As a rule these letters are good descriptive accounts of personal experience, but some of the opinions expressed in them are a little at variance with the facts.

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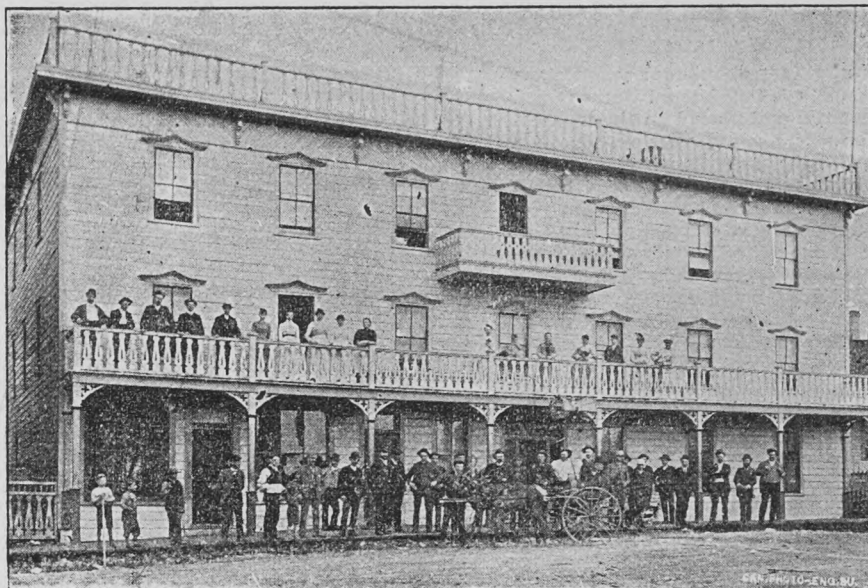
facts are, moreover, quite good enough. as every resident knows, and as these visitors soon find out for themselves, if they have sufficient encouragement from the first to stay long enough to make investigations. The residents of the district are themselves aware of this, and it is not they who are guilty of these wild exaggerations so much as the causal travelling agents of foreign newspapers, who appear to think they are not doing their duty to the people who pay their way, unless they paint everything as rosy-hued as possible. When Ontario possesses a Klondyke, where any man with four stakes and a pan can start a regularly producing mine of his own, this sort of thing may be all right if a "rush" be desired, but gold fields such as those of Ontario are not developed that way. They require capital and lots of it, and capital is not as a rule secured by anything but a mathematically exact calculation.

YUKON TRADE.

Calgary has awakened to the existence of an eastern route to the Yukon. A board of trade meeting was held recently to discuss ways and means of capturing a portion of the Yukon outfitting trade. In the discussion that took place it was brought out very clearly that Calgary had or should have very direct interest in booming the eastern route. A committee was appointed to enquire into the matter and report subsequently to a meeting to be held. It is to be hoped that Winnipeg and cities even further east will, like Calgary, wake up to the desirability of opening up the eastern route, and will make common cause to turn the attention of the government in that direction. If eastern people become alive to the fact that the eastern route can not only be made the best, is the one route that can be depended upon in case of trouble with our neighbors, and besides is the only route they can make money out of, there will be a chance of getting something done on it. We do not grudge the people of the coast cities of Canada their share of the Yukon trade. They are entitled to all the advantages nature has given them and all the aid they can get from the government as well. But it is well to keep in mind that for trade over any possible coast route we have to compete with our United States rivals and to submit to dividing the trade with them. But Canada would have an absolute monopoly of all trade over the eastern route and if it were made the best, as it could be, it would cut our foreign competitors out of the trade of the Yukon, which they now control. It is a duty which the government of Canada owes to its own business interests to make any reasonable expenditure to improve the trade route to the Yukon from the east of the mountains. Today the government is paying as much to the Indian packers of police and government official supplies across the Chilcoot pass

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as would cut a horse and cattle trail all the way from Edmonton to the Klondyke and make Canada independent of the United States in the matter of the transport at least of its troops and government officials.—Edmonton Bulletin.

SOIRIS COAL MINES.

It is now just about four years since the first of the Souris coal was shipped out by train and placed on the market, but for many years previous farmers in the vicinity of the Souris river helped themselves to the coal that was found jutting out from the banks of the river. At first, coal was shipped from Estevan, and here the Dominion Coal company went extensively into mining. Their coal did not give very good satisfaction and eventually they abandoned their property.

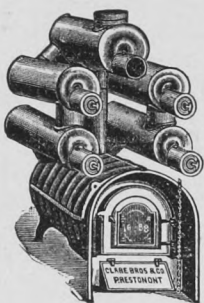
At Roche Percee more extensive veins and of a far superior quality were found and each year since the quality has been much better and giving universal satisfaction both in furnaces and stoves; however, there are some stoves which do not burn it satisfactorily on account of not supplying sufficient air, a matter which is easily overcome. With regard to the amount of coal along the Souris river it is a matter of speculation, but we are safe in assuming that there is enough to supply Manitoba for generations to come. Another feature in favor of the Souris coal is its convenience of access, spurs can be laid to the mouth of the mine when the coal is conveniently loaded on cars for shipment. The mining is conducted throughout the winter, being at a standstill during the summer months. That this industry will grow and prosper is a fact long since admitted, and now that the coal has been introduced throughout the whole province, has given satisfaction and is used by almost everyone, should be a strong guarantee of its worth. It is, too, only within the last couple of years that the Roche Percee coal—the best in the district—has been shipped to any great extent.—Melita Enterprise.

MINING NOTES.

The Grimsby Mining company are reported to have taken up the option that they held upon the property on Wabigoon Lake which they have been developing.

Mr. G. A. Bayne, C. P. R. engineer, has located a spur at Wabigoon from the main line to the lake side where it is proposed to build a wharf for the accommodation of rail and lake traffic.

Rumors are current at Rat Portage that negotiations are in progress for the purchase of Mr. Walter Long's island by Montreal parties for a site for a new summer hotel. If the deal be closed a handsome building will be erected on the island.



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At least \$50,000 a month in dividends is now paid regularly by the Le Roi Company. The dividends paid already amount to nearly \$600,000. No wonder the shares are at a premium.

About two tons of ore were shipped from Selkirk to St. Louis by the Lake Winnipeg Gold Mining Co. This move is made in order to test the properties owned by the company in the Hole River district.

Mr. J. L. Doupe, the C. P. R. land surveyor, has completed a survey of the Manitou Portages, and is preparing plans and profiles. The survey has been made in connection with a project for the construction of a steam tramway, and both Mr. L. A. Hamilton, who has been over the route, and Mr. Doupe, report the route to be thoroughly practicable.

The Wabigoon Star says that "The New Klondyke" is the name given by Little Wabigoon River into Swalming region reached by following prospectors to the newly discovered low lake, Long lake, and thus obtaining access to the numerous waterways which extend to the height of land east of Upper Manitou Lake. A great many prospectors have gone into this district during the last few months, and the reports from those who have returned are very encouraging.

The Kabascong Mining Co., have acquired 68 acres of mineral lands, adjoining the property on which the mine is situated. This accession gives the Kabascong people 128 acres in all. The former owner of both of these properties was James Hammond, and the one lately bought is the better of the two. The price paid for it was \$1,000 cash; \$4,000 more, to be paid as soon as the first issue of stock is sold. Negotiations have been going on for some time for this transfer.—Fort William Journal.

The Mikado stamp mill is now running steadily on the ore accumulated during the past year at the mine. This adds one more important producing mine to the Lake of the Woods district. The result of the first sixteen days' run of the 20-stamp mill is reported to have been two gold ingots, valued at \$16,000. Dr. A. P. Coleman, of the Ontario Bureau of Mines, who visited the Mikado last June, reported that the ore would probably average about \$25 to the ton; and the result of the first work of the mill seems to about tally with this estimate.

A YUKON MAP.

The Province, of Victoria, B. C., have published a large map of the Yukon, showing the routes into that country from British Columbia. From the point of view of that Province the map is probably all that could be desired, but from the point of view of this Province and the Northwest Territories a map showing the advantages of the routes from Edmonton would be preferable.

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GENERAL NOTES.

The Regina flour mill will be started running again in a short time. Mr. G. T. Marsh has taken the business management of the mill.

Regina is to have a new paper. Its name will be "Sport." The first issue may be looked for on Saturday, 11th September. The title denotes the character of the paper. Mr. Wm. Trant is the publisher.

It is estimated that Manitoba's exports of grain and produce this year will aggregate in value \$15,000,000 which would be an average of \$750 for each of the 20,000 farmers.

According to the last report of the Minister of Mines, the total gold produced by British Columbia mines to date amounts to \$60,000,000, and the query is made, Where is it?

Winnipeg dealers are importing a carload of eggs per week from Ontario, and soon there will be a large importation of poultry. This condition of things should be reversed. There is big money in these industries.

J. Y. Griffin and Co., pork packers, Winnipeg, are adding \$50,000 improvements to their establishment; and having ready sales for all products, there should be rapid development of the hog-raising industry in Manitoba.

W. R. Gowler, of Poplar Point, Man., has struck the Klondyke for over \$50,000 and came out on the Portland to Seattle on August 29th. Old timers will remember two Gowler brothers, of Poplar Point, who lived at Edmonton, and mined on the Saskatchewan. The lucky man is the younger of the two. He was a member of the police force when he made his strike during the past year.

A phenomenal product of Manitoba has been received at the C.P.R. land department and will in all probability be sent to the fairs in Eastern Canada. It is a bunch of grass chosen from a crop of 15 acres and measures 26 feet in length. It was grown on a marsh near Whitemouth, and the farmer who plucked it says that most of the crop is nearly the same height as the sample sent in. It does not all grow straight up, but most of it does.

Enough is now known of the crop of 1897 to show that it will be of exceptionally good quality. Two cars of wheat from the Mennonite reserve went through Winnipeg to the Lake of the Woods mill at Keewatin, both of which graded No. 1 hard. On Monday the sample bags containing the samples of the first threshings in the different parts of the province, were thrown together, and the sample thus produced went No. 1 hard easily. There is no sign of frost and the berries are even and well filled. The quality of the crop is expected to be considerably better than last year. There are no reports of frozen wheat.—Carberry Express.

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72 and 73.....		57	St. Boniface..	102	N. Douglas.....	J. W. Driscoll.....	1000 00
2.....		85	St. James....	127	N. Douglas.....	J. W. Driscoll.....	1 00
3.....	55	35	St. John.....	331	T. Pitblado.....	W. T. Armstrong...	100 00
102.....	1	2	Kildonan.....	228	S. Polson.....	G. Richl.....	65 00
41.....		41	St. Boniface..	334	M. E. Leslie.....	H. D. Metcalfe.....	1300 00
541.....		79	St. James....	49	J. F. Furze.....	A. Brown et al.....	300 00
Parts River Lots 341, 343 and 345			St. Agathe....		J. C. N. Kennedy....	H. R. Whitworth...	1150 00
Outer 2 miles		11	St. James....		W. Ridge.....	H. Ridge.....	1 00
W ½ of E ½ 112.....		11	St. John.....	39	F. Flick.....	J. Mick.....	150 00
26.....		72	St. James....	201	J. Westman.....	S. Freeman.....	700 00
9, 17 and 18	3	36	St. John.....	187	A. G. Perry.....	Archibald & Howell	535 00
17 and 18.....	3	36	".....	187	Archibald & Howell	P. J. Walsh.....	400 00
1 and part 2.....		85	St. James....	127	N. Douglas.....	J. W. Driscoll.....	1 00
85 and 86.....	"C"	28 and 29	St. John.....	22	J. Stuart.....	W. Mackenzie.....	550 00
3, 4, 9 and 10		83	St. James....	434	J. H. Turnbull et al.	M. McManus.....	4300 00
Part 59.....		84	".....	258	T. M. Hamilton....	J. Spence.....	1 00
E 99 ft. 30 and 31.....		41 and 42	St. John.....	168	W. Waterworth....	J. McLean.....	750 00
16 and E ½ 15.....		11	".....	145	A. Hallenquist.....	M. B. Peterson et al.	1 00
1 & 2 and 9 & 10.....	1	35	".....	63	E. A. Greated.....	H. Archibald et al..	1 00
All.....		502	St. Agathe....		Freehold L. & S. Co.	D. McMillan.....	760 00
21.....	7	31-35	St. Boniface..	208	B. Arthur.....	W. J. Arthur.....	1 00
9 and 10.....		7	St. John.....	493	J. S. McEwan et al..	W. W. Cross.....	620 00
E ½ 52.....		73	St. James....	49	J. G. Latimer.....	F. S. Young.....	275 00
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42.....		85	St. James....	26	C. H. Newton.....	J. A. Logan.....	3930 00
15 and 86.....	6	5	St. John.....	215	A. E. Jameson.....	W. A. Spiers.....	70 00
50.....		72	St. James....		C. Pope.....	C. Johnson.....	175 00
Part.....		20	St. Agathe....	12	A. P. Stuart.....	J. Robinson.....	400 00
16.....	4	67 and 68	St. James....	218	P. Sigfuson.....	J. Erickson.....	100 00
13 and 14.....	101	31-35	St. Boniface..	255	M. M. Miller.....	J. H. Leigh.....	30 00
10 and 119	4	5	St. John.....	215	W. Worth.....	H. Thurman.....	1 00
95.....	"D"	28 and 29	St. John.....	22	J. Stuart.....	F. J. Chapman.....	300 00
E hf 36		39	St. John.....	46	S. Davison.....	F. W. Drewry.....	1 00
E hf 39.....		39	St. John.....	46	F. W. Drewry.....	S. Davison.....	1 00
Part.....		8	St. Boniface..		B. E. Chaffey.....	E. H. Taylor.....	800 00
Ex. Right of Way		32, 33, 34	St. Charles..		Archibald & Howell	W. Grantham.....	5500 00
All.....	10	13	Kildonan.....	9	W. J. Christie.....	J. G. Latimer.....	300 00
Part.....		570-572	St. Agathe....		W. W. Farran.....	H. Archibald.....	1 00
10.....		73	St. James....	390	J. F. Reilly.....	A. D. McDonald.....	1 00
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Part 1	32	Boissevain.....	S. A. Graves.....	J. T. Graves.....	200 00
37.....	32	{ Shoal Lake ..	H. A. Allan.....	M. W. Thompson.....	85 00
13.....	52				
12 and 13.....	52	Shoal Lake	M. W. Thompson.....	N. McFadyen.....	125 00
25.....	4	Holland	W. B. Holmes.....	W. R. Ross.....	90 00
2.....		Selkirk	Selkirk Elec. Co. et al.	D. E. Sprague.....	50 00
9.....	17	Killarney	E. C. Robinson.....	R. Cross et al.....	
8.....	17	"	G. W. Robinson.....	R. Cross, et al.....	
Part	"J"	Treherne.....	D. Harvey.....	E. F. Hutchings.....	750 00
6.....	19	St. Boniface	R. Goulet.....	D. Fraser.....	100 00

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N E qr	4	2	22W	J. C. Christiansen.....	J. A. Christiansen.....	1 00
N W and S hf N E	18	9	2E	D. McArthur.....	Commercial Bank.....	1 00
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Part S W	16	6	23W	H. Hammond.....	J. J. Collison.....	50 00
N W qr.....	2	7	1W	J. P. Boyne.....	E. M. Taylor.....	300 00
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LOT.	BLK.	NO. OF PLAN	PLACE.	FROM	To	CONSID- ERATION.
7 and 8.....	1	63	Roland	Roland McDonald	Alexander Ross.....	55 00
W $\frac{1}{2}$ 1, 2, 3.....	10	87	Miami	James Carson.....	John Carson.....	2600 00
8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.....	9	30	Morden	H. McElroy	Jessie Forrest.....	400 00
1.....	3	102	Hilton	Man. Land & Imprvemt. Co	Ernest M. Freeman	50 00
3 and 4.....	5	67-69	Plum Coulee.....	G. R. Crow et al.....	John Hofley	400 00
25 and 26.....	2	30	Morden	Jesse Grummette	Eliza Jane McPeetors ..	450 00
15.....	6	63	Roland	James Slessor et al.....	J. L. Studholme	325 00
W $\frac{1}{2}$ 1, 2, 3.....	10	87	Miami	John Carson	James Carson.....	2600 00
13.....	2	63	Roland	Man. Land & Imprvemt. Co	William Webster	50 00
7.....	2	30	Morden	H. Grapontine	Franz Schneider	338 00
5.....	6	63	Roland	John Baird	Trustees of Presby. Ch.	50 00
26 and 27	2	63	Roland	Man. Land & Imprvemt. Co	"	50 00
26, 27 and 28.....	5	30	Morden	Jacob Kendal.....	A. D. Pigott et al.....	1000 00

SECTION.	TP.	RGE.		FROM	To	CONSID- ERATION
Pt. S W $\frac{1}{4}$ 8.....	3	5	West	Wardrop Estate	F. P. Driver	100 00
N E $\frac{1}{4}$ 36	3	3	"	David Doerksen.....	William Russell	400 00
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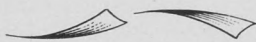
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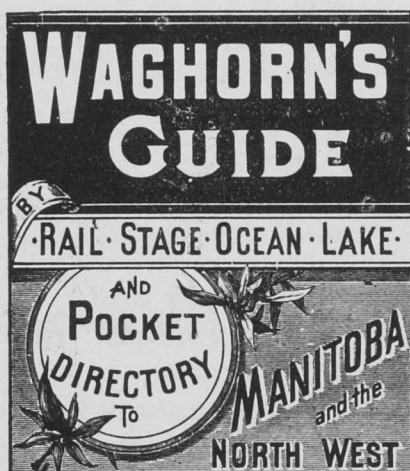
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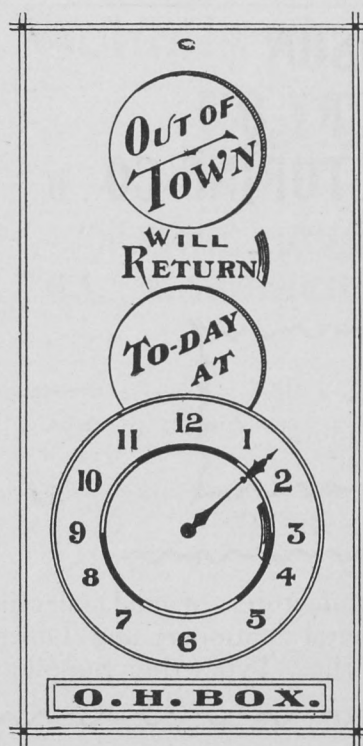
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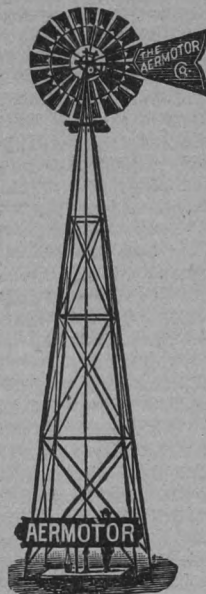
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